

By: Pena

H.R. No. 219

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Benito G. Rodriguez on June 21,
2 2004, at the age of 85, South Texas has lost a valiant patriot, a
3 hardworking entrepreneur, and an irreplaceable pillar of the
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Well known to his fellow Edinburg residents for more
6 than four decades as the owner of Benny's Dry Goods, a popular
7 western wear store, Mr. Rodriguez was also a veteran of World War
8 II, and throughout his life he took pride and pleasure in recalling
9 his service to his country; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez enlisted in the Army at the age of 21,
11 immediately before the country's entry into World War II, and it was
12 while performing the difficult and hazardous duties of a machine
13 gunner that he was injured in an engagement with Japanese troops;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, On returning to Edinburg, he proceeded to build his
16 successful business while raising a family, instilling his tireless
17 work ethic and steadfast honesty in his own children by example; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly paid tribute to
19 the life of Benito G. Rodriguez by passing this resolution in his
20 behalf during the Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Benito G. Rodriguez of
24 Edinburg and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his wife,

1 Petra Rodriguez; to his children and their spouses, J. Humberto and
2 Norma Rodriguez, Becky Rodriguez, Ricardo and Arlene Rodriguez, and
3 Benny Rodriguez, Jr., and his wife, Rosie; to his grandchildren,
4 Audra, J., Ricky, Brianna, Amanda, Deandra, Benjamin, and Abraham
5 Rodriguez, Billy and Laura Guerra, and Christopher and Aissa Luna;
6 and to his other relatives and many friends.