

By: Quintanilla

H.R. No. 1387

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Frank "Topi"  
3 Rodriguez of Fabens on August 30, 2004, has brought to all who loved  
4 him; and

5           WHEREAS, Over the course of his lifetime, Mr. Rodriguez  
6 contributed a significant amount of his time and energy in behalf of  
7 his hometown of Fabens, including serving as sergeant of a "home  
8 guard" during World War II; during the 47 years he was employed with  
9 the railroad, he was also involved with a variety of civic  
10 endeavors, and for 40 years he provided notary public services for  
11 his fellow Texans; and

12           WHEREAS, Combining a love of baseball with volunteering, Mr.  
13 Rodriguez managed a championship Little League team that made it to  
14 regionals, and later he assisted the merchants baseball team as  
15 scorekeeper and announcer; and

16           WHEREAS, A longtime clerk and Democratic precinct judge, he  
17 served the LULAC Council No. 265 as president, taught English for  
18 local citizenship classes, and took on many tasks as a congregant of  
19 Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; and

20           WHEREAS, Topi Rodriguez was a treasured member of the Fabens  
21 community, and he will long be missed by all those who were  
22 fortunate enough to have shared his love and friendship; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of  
2 Frank "Topi" Rodriguez and extend sincere sympathy to the members  
3 of his family: to his children, Natalia Villalobos and her husband  
4 Alex, Ernesine Amaya, Manuela Enriquez and her husband Mike, Monica  
5 Chavez, and Frank Rodriguez, Jr.; to his 15 grandchildren and seven  
6 great-grandchildren; to his sisters, Consuelo Ramirez and  
7 Guadalupe Martinez; and to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank  
12 Rodriguez.