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H.R. No. 2217

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Ramiro Bourbois of Mission
2 were greatly saddened by his passing on January 16, 2005, at the age
3 of 69, and we join them in mourning their loss; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1935, Mr. Bourbois married his
5 childhood sweetheart, Emma Garza, shortly after graduating from
6 Mission High School, and their marriage, which endured more than
7 half a century, was blessed with 10 children; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bourbois made his living in the demanding field
9 of professional trucking, both as an employee of various companies
10 and the owner of his own trucking business; he spent many memorable
11 summers working in the fields alongside his children, and though
12 the work was difficult, the time spent with his family was
13 treasured; he also worked for the Hayes-Sammons chemical company
14 and was a principal witness in "Mission's Toxic Legacy," which
15 dealt with chemical contamination that allegedly spread from the
16 plant to South Mission and affected the health of many area
17 residents, including many members of his own family; never bitter
18 about his own failing health, Mr. Bourbois only regretted his
19 inability to spend more time with his beloved wife and children; and

20 WHEREAS, He indeed took great pride and pleasure in his
21 family, and his caring nature was also reflected in his many
22 friendships, which sprang up wherever his work took him; and

23 WHEREAS, His steadfast work ethic and uncomplaining nature
24 carried him through even the toughest of times, and in holding fast

1 to his own ideals, Ramiro Bourbois set an example of integrity that
2 will continue to burn brightly in the hearts of all those who knew
3 and loved him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ramiro Bourbois and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife
7 of 52 years, Emma Garza Bourbois; to his children, Virginia, Juan
8 Manuel, Sylvia, Maria Cynthia, Aida Araceli, Leticia Margot,
9 Hector, Ramiro, Jose Francisco, and Santiago; and to his other
10 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ramiro
14 Bourbois.