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H.C.R. No. 113

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
2 recognize Roy Velez, who was recently named the 2006 Texan of the  
3 Year by the *Dallas Morning News*; and

4 WHEREAS, Roy Velez lost two sons to war, one in Iraq and one  
5 in Afghanistan, yet he has chosen to embrace his faith as an  
6 antidote to the loss and sorrow; his courage and compassion for  
7 others, after tragically losing both of his sons, has comforted and  
8 inspired people around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, A resident of Lubbock, Mr. Velez frequently meets  
10 people who seek to comfort him for his losses, but he reassures them  
11 instead, easing their pain and grief with his trusting faith and his  
12 quiet strength; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Velez has borne the burden of his losses with  
14 grace and dignity; he has been an inspiration to many people,  
15 especially those who have lost a child, and his dauntless spirit and  
16 his unflagging faith lend courage to those who hear his story; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby congratulate Roy Velez on being named 2006 Texan of the Year  
20 by the *Dallas Morning News* and extend to him best wishes for the  
21 future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him  
23 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.