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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In decades of service to Bell County in his ongoing 2 involvement in regional civic issues, Albert P. Gonzales has 3 established himself as a caring and dedicated individual who has 4 made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in 5 Central Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Albert P. Gonzales is a well-known leader in the 7 Hispanic community in Central Texas and is an activist who works 8 faithfully and diligently in efforts to level the playing field in 9 order that everyone is treated fairly in all matters; and

10 WHEREAS, Albert P. Gonzales is a founder and first president 11 of Killeen LULAC Council 4535 and past district director of 12 District 17 of the State of Texas LULAC, and he is also a life member 13 of the Hispanic American Cultural Society and a life member of the 14 Knights of Columbus Council 4724 of St. Joseph's Parish in Killeen; 15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales entered the U.S. Army as a draftee in 17 1951 at the start of the Korean War; he received orders upon 18 graduation of the Army Language School in Korean to proceed to Korea 19 as an interrogator of prisoners of war, defectors, line crossers, 20 and deserters; and

21 WHEREAS, Later he returned to study the Persian (Farsi) 22 language at the U.S. Army Language School in Monterey, California, 23 and later received his bachelor of science degree from Central 24 Texas College and a master of science degree from American

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1 Technological University; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales, three months after retirement from 3 serving his country, was appointed as an adult probation officer by 4 the 27th Judicial District judges in January 1978, and upon 5 reaching the age of 65, he retired after many years of faithful 6 service to the department; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales became one of the first licensed
8 multi-language interpreters in the State of Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales has used his training and native 10 languages of Spanish and English to enable minority voices to be 11 heard before U.S. district, county, and municipal courts, 12 councils, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Supported by his wife, Rosa Kim Gonzales, and his children, Alexander, Anna, Albert, Ambrose, Angela, and Anthony, he provided many decades of valuable service to Central Texas residents, and his contributions to efficient and effective government in Bell County are truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 20 Legislature hereby honor Albert P. Gonzales for his many 21 contributions to Bell County and the greater Central Texas region 22 and extend to him best wishes for future happiness and success; and, 23 be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Gonzales as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 701 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House