

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tragic death of Ernest Valencia Mendoza of  
2 Wharton County on January 19, 2007, at the age of 54, brought great  
3 sorrow to his family and friends in the Burr and Needville  
4 communities and beyond; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Sugar Land to Jacinta and Simon Lozano  
6 Mendoza, Ernie Mendoza graduated from Dulles High School; he served  
7 his country in the U.S. Army for four years and lived in Fort Bend  
8 County before moving to Burr in 1997; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Mendoza married Susie Gwinn on March 15, 1985,  
10 and they were blessed with seven children and four grandchildren;  
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12           WHEREAS, The chief of police with the Needville Independent  
13 School District for the past 10 years, Mr. Mendoza dedicated 25  
14 years of his life to law enforcement, having previously worked for  
15 Houston ISD and the City of Waco; and

16           WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, a devoted husband and  
17 father, and an actively engaged member of his community, Chief  
18 Mendoza excelled in each of these roles and touched countless lives  
19 with his generosity and kindness; although he is deeply missed, he  
20 leaves behind memories that will be forever treasured by those  
21 fortunate enough to have shared in his love and friendship; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ernest Valencia

1   Mendoza and extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Susie Mendoza; to  
2   his children, Santana Mendoza, Morgan Muhlhausen and her husband,  
3   Nathan, Miranda Hodge and her husband, William, America Star  
4   Mendoza, Simon Paul Mendoza, Isreal Gwinn Mendoza, and Michael  
5   Shiloh Mendoza; to his grandchildren, Xavier Paul Mendoza, Kameron  
6   Bailey Mendoza, Madeline Elise Muhlhausen, and Damon Jackson Hodge;  
7   to his sisters, Dolores Guerra and her husband, Roel, Emily  
8   Mendoza, and Eloisa Vela and her husband, Travis; to his brother,  
9   Felipe Mendoza; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
10  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 Ernest  
14  Mendoza.

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H.R. No. 1690

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1690 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House