RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of the Honorable

Reynaldo M. Munoz, justice of the peace of Precinct 1 in Kleberg

3 County, who died August 11, 2006, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 19, 1932, to Felix Munoz, Jr., and

Benita Silva Munoz, Reynaldo Munoz grew up on the Chapeno Ranch in

Starr County; during his rural, Depression-era childhood, he often

traveled by horseback with his two brothers to their one-room

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9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Rio Grande City High School in

1951, Mr. Munoz answered his nation's call and joined the

U.S. Army, volunteering for combat duty in Korea; as a member of the

107th Ordnance Company, 8th Army, for three years, he served in a

number of leadership positions and as a member of the inspector

general's team; his service was recognized with the Korean Service

Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and

16 the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Returning to Texas in 1954, Mr. Munoz married Adela

Garza; after earning his bachelor's degree from Texas A&I

University and his master's degree from Corpus Christi State

University, he embarked on a 30-year tenure as a vocational arts

21 instructor; over the course of his career, this dedicated and

22 caring teacher worked in the Alice, Robstown, and Kingsville

23 communities, mentoring his students both in and out of the

24 classroom; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from teaching in 1992, Mr. Munoz continued his service to others with his election as justice of the peace for Precinct 1 of Kleberg County in 1999; he acted faithfully and fairly on behalf of the citizens of the county during his eight years of service and was recognized for his efforts to curtail school truancy; and

WHEREAS, Judge Munoz was equally generous with his time outside of the classroom and the courtroom and was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a participant in the South Texas Cursillo Movement; and

11 WHEREAS, Reynaldo Munoz lived a caring and purposeful life, 12 and the memory of his warmth, wisdom, and compassion will be forever 13 treasured by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Reynaldo M. Munoz and offer sincere condolences to his family: to his wife of 52 years, Adela Munoz; to his sons, Ricardo Mario Munoz and his wife, Cynthia, Ramberto Munoz, Felix E. Munoz and his wife, Inez, and Rey Mario Munoz; to his daughters, Yolanda Munoz Gonzales and her husband, David, and Idolina Munoz Escobar and her husband, Roel; to his sister, Maria DeJesus Munoz Vera; to his brothers, Rene Munoz and his wife, Amparo, Romeo Munoz and his wife, Emma, and Rosendo Munoz and his wife, Maria; to his 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

- 1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
- 2 Reynaldo Munoz.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2568 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House