

By: Escobar

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of the Honorable  
2 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

4           WHEREAS, Born on January 19, 1932, to Felix Munoz, Jr., and  
5 Benita Silva Munoz, Reynaldo Munoz grew up on the Chapeno Ranch in  
6 Starr County; during his rural, Depression-era childhood, he often  
7 traveled by horseback with his two brothers to their one-room  
8 school; and

9           WHEREAS, After graduating from Rio Grande City High School in  
10 1951, Mr. Munoz answered his nation's call and joined the  
11 U.S. Army, volunteering for combat duty in Korea; as a member of the  
12 107th Ordnance Company, 8th Army, for three years, he served in a  
13 number of leadership positions and as a member of the inspector  
14 general's team; his service was recognized with the Korean Service  
15 Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and  
16 the National Defense Service Medal; and

17           WHEREAS, Returning to Texas in 1954, Mr. Munoz married Adela  
18 Garza; after earning his bachelor's degree from Texas A&I  
19 University and his master's degree from Corpus Christi State  
20 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

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

7           WHEREAS, Judge Munoz was equally generous with his time  
8 outside of the classroom and the courtroom and was an active member  
9 of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a participant in the  
10 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

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Reynaldo  
16 M. Munoz and offer sincere condolences to his family: to his wife of  
17 52 years, Adela Munoz; to his sons, Ricardo Mario Munoz and his  
18 wife, Cynthia, Ramberto Munoz, Felix E. Munoz and his wife, Inez,  
19 and Rey Mario Munoz; to his daughters, Yolanda Munoz Gonzales and  
20 her husband, David, and Idolina Munoz Escobar and her husband,  
21 Roel; to his sister, Maria DeJesus Munoz Vera; to his brothers, Rene  
22 Munoz and his wife, Amparo, Romeo Munoz and his wife, Emma, and  
23 Rosendo Munoz and his wife, Maria; to his 14 grandchildren and 5  
24 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
25 be it further

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

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