By: Duncan S.C.R. No. 16

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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