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S.C.R. No. 16

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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