

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Laredo lost a dedicated civic leader  
2 and cherished friend with the passing of Francisco Javier  
3 Montemayor, Sr., on July 4, 2008, at the age of 63; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Javier Montemayor attended local  
5 public schools before earning a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M  
6 University--Kingsville and a master's degree from Texas A&M  
7 International University; answering his nation's call to duty, he  
8 was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army in 1968, and  
9 served a two-year tour during the Vietnam conflict; at the time of  
10 his retirement from the armed forces, he held the rank of lieutenant  
11 colonel; and

12           WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Mr. Montemayor worked for the Laredo  
13 Independent School District as an ROTC drill instructor and as a  
14 counselor at the veterans affairs office, assisting area veterans  
15 in pursuit of higher-education opportunities; and

16           WHEREAS, After he graduated from the Thurgood Marshall School  
17 of Law at Texas Southern University in 1982, Mr. Montemayor went to  
18 work as an assistant district attorney for Webb and Zapata Counties  
19 and later as an associate municipal court judge for the City of  
20 Laredo; in 1986, he was appointed by the Webb County Commissioners  
21 Court to establish the Webb County public defenders office, which  
22 he launched in 1988; a tireless advocate for those who could not  
23 afford legal counsel, Mr. Montemayor motivated his staff to follow  
24 his example, and the county agency grew considerably under his

1 skilled leadership; highly respected in the legal community, Mr.  
2 Montemayor directed the public defenders office until he retired in  
3 2005 to enter private practice; through the years, he maintained  
4 professional affiliations with the Laredo-Webb County Bar  
5 Association, the State Bar of Texas, and the Texas Criminal Defense  
6 Lawyers Association; and

7 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was an avid hunter and horseman  
8 who loved spending time on his ranch, and he took great pleasure in  
9 entertaining his friends and family by singing and playing the  
10 guitar; held in deep affection for his generous spirit and  
11 readiness to extend a helping hand to others, he also contributed to  
12 numerous organizations, including the American Legion, the League  
13 of United Latin American Citizens, and the Washington's Birthday  
14 Celebration Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Javier Montemayor believed in protecting the rights  
16 of the underrepresented and less privileged members of his  
17 community, and he leaves behind a legacy of public service that will  
18 continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him;  
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Francisco Javier  
22 Montemayor, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
23 family: to his wife of more than 40 years, Catalina Montemayor; to  
24 his sons, Javier, Tony, and Marco Montemayor; to his grandchildren,  
25 Jennifer, Valerie, Tony, Mia, Alexandra, and Marco; and to his  
26 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Francisco  
3 Javier Montemayor, Sr.

Raymond

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 241 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 25, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House