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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.