

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of
2 Luis Vasquez, who passed away on January 24, 2009, at the age of 85;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso on November 1, 1923, Luis Vasquez
5 moved to California at the age of 12 to live with his sister; he
6 answered his nation's call to duty during World War II by enlisting
7 in the U.S. Army and fought bravely in numerous European battles as
8 a member of the 858th Bomb Squad; he was awarded the Distinguished
9 Unit Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, and the European/African/Middle
10 Eastern Campaign Medal for his valiant service; and

11 WHEREAS, After his discharge from the army, Mr. Vasquez chose
12 to continue his military service by joining the U.S. Navy, and he
13 became a crew member on the USS *Piedmont*; his naval career brought
14 him additional commendations, including the Korean Ribbon, the
15 China Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the U.N. Ribbon; in
16 1953, he entered into civil service with the Army Air Defense Center
17 and held that position until retiring in 1984; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Vasquez enjoyed the love and support of his
19 wife, the former Irene Gomez, and was the devoted father of four
20 children, Luis, Andres, Ana, and Daniel; the couple also had the
21 pleasure of welcoming 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren
22 into their family; Mr. Vasquez found great happiness in the time he
23 was able to spend with young people, serving eight years as a
24 scoutmaster and sharing his love of sports with his children and

1 grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, A man who devoted himself to serving his family and
3 his country, Luis Vasquez will be greatly missed, yet his memory
4 will be forever cherished by all those privileged to share in the
5 richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Luis Vasquez and
8 extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Luis
13 Vasquez.

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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	Peña
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
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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
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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

H.R. No. 467

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 467 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House