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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.