

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Nueces County lost a respected judge and community  
2 leader with the passing of the Honorable Carl Eric Lewis on October  
3 25, 2008, at the age of 56; and

4           WHEREAS, Carl Lewis was born on January 29, 1952, in Corpus  
5 Christi; he distinguished himself as a student and an athlete  
6 during his youth, particularly during his years at Moody High  
7 School; his portrait appears in the Moody High Hall of Fame, and his  
8 name is in the record books for scoring the school's first  
9 touchdown; and

10           WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Mr. Lewis turned  
11 down an academic scholarship to Cornell University in order to  
12 attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; a football injury  
13 precluded his admission, and he went on to earn a bachelor's degree  
14 in English from Yale University; and

15           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan returned to Corpus Christi and  
16 took a job in the city's human resources department, where he helped  
17 carry out an initiative to offer job training to low-income  
18 individuals; he graduated from The University of Texas School of  
19 Law in 1979 and worked as assistant city attorney, as assistant  
20 county attorney, and as a criminal defense lawyer at the firm of  
21 Tinker, Tor & Lewis before being elected the Nueces County attorney  
22 in 1992; and

23           WHEREAS, A tireless advocate of justice for children, Mr.  
24 Lewis began serving as judge of County Court at Law No. 5 in 1999 and

1 oversaw countless cases involving juveniles; he handled situations  
2 of abuse, neglect, gang violence, parental custody, and other very  
3 sensitive issues with his characteristic intuition, wit, and  
4 humanity; originally appointed to the bench, he retained his seat  
5 in a 1999 election, and each of his bids for reelection was a  
6 resounding success; and

7         WHEREAS, Judge Lewis was a devoted father and took great  
8 pride in his children, Summer and Ben; a man of diverse talents, he  
9 was a founding member of Carl Lewis and the Deadbeats, a blues band  
10 composed mostly of fellow lawyers that performed at benefits and  
11 fund-raisers; Judge Lewis wrote songs, played harmonica, and sang  
12 in the group, and he was elated when his son, Ben, became old enough  
13 to take the bandstand with the Deadbeats; and

14         WHEREAS, Carl Lewis served the residents of Nueces County  
15 with integrity, compassion, and unwavering devotion to the  
16 well-being of his community and its citizens; although he is deeply  
17 missed, all those fortunate enough to have known him will forever  
18 cherish memories of time spent in his company; now, therefore, be it

19         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carl Eric Lewis and  
21 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
22 children, Hayden Summer Lewis and Benjamin David Lewis; to his  
23 mother, June Lewis; to his brothers, Victor, James, David, and  
24 Michael Lewis; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
25 it further

26         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carl Lewis.

Ortiz, Jr.

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
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. 530 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House