

By: Pena

H.R. No. 1252

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Edinburg lost an admired civic leader
2 and a cherished friend with the passing of Alfredo R. Longoria on
3 March 22, 2009, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Edinburg in 1928, Fred Longoria went on to
5 serve in the National Guard, and he became a successful businessman
6 in his hometown; he was the owner of Fred's Food Store, Clean Rite
7 Janitorial Supplies, and Sweet Scent; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Longoria joined the Edinburg City
9 Council with the pledge to find solutions to alleviate downtown
10 flooding, which occurred when heavy rains inundated the area; he
11 remained true to his word, and his efforts resulted in the
12 installation of a more effective drainage infrastructure;
13 throughout his decade-long tenure in municipal government, he held
14 the positions of city commissioner, mayor pro tempore, and member
15 of the Edinburg Planning and Zoning Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Longoria was an integral part of the councils
17 that significantly changed the image and economic vitality of
18 Edinburg; along with his colleagues, he contributed to the creation
19 of the Edinburg Cable Network, the World Birding Center, and The
20 University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center Medical
21 Research Division in Edinburg, as well as to the renovation of the
22 South Texas International Airport at Edinburg and the construction
23 of the Edinburg Professional Baseball Stadium; a champion for
24 municipal improvements, Mr. Longoria worked with the city council

1 to secure state funding for local and state roadway system upgrades
2 and to bring jobs and construction projects to the region, thereby
3 greatly enhancing the role of Edinburg in the economy of South
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan further distinguished himself
6 as a member of the board of the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce and as
7 president of the board of Amigos del Valle; he was also a congregant
8 at St. Joseph Catholic Church; and

9 WHEREAS, With his kindness and generosity, Fred Longoria
10 demonstrated an enduring commitment to his fellow citizens, and his
11 notable legacy of public service will not soon be forgotten by all
12 those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alfredo R. Longoria
15 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
16 wife, Sylvia Longoria; to his children, Clarissa Longoria Pena and
17 her husband, Aron Leonel, Priscilla Olivarez and her husband, Rick,
18 Michelle Guerrero and her husband, Manuel, Derek Ruiz and his wife,
19 Sandy, Gina Longoria, Lolly Pena and her husband, Jesus, and Fred
20 Longoria, Jr., and his wife, Allison; to his 14 grandchildren; to
21 his siblings, Miguel Longoria and his wife, Angie, Charlie Longoria
22 and his wife, Kay, and Olga Deroaul and her husband, Henri; to his
23 sister-in-law, Leonor Longoria; and to his other relatives and many
24 friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred

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1 Longoria.