

By: Pena

H.R. No. 1253

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Armando Salinas, who passed away on July 20, 2007, at the age of
3 94, and his wife, Francisca Salinas, who died on November 6, 2007,
4 at the age of 93; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Petra and Toribio Salinas, Armando
6 Salinas was born on March 23, 1913, in the Starr County town of
7 Salineño; orphaned at the age of 13, he worked to support his four
8 siblings; in 1939, he entered the produce business, first as an
9 employee of Vahlsing Produce Company, and by the late 1940s as the
10 owner and operator of a fleet of produce delivery trucks; he went on
11 to retire as the proprietor of a tow truck business, which included
12 a salvage yard and a used car lot in La Blanca; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Salinas was known for his adventurous spirit and
14 his willingness to try new things, and he was a lifelong Democrat
15 who never failed to vote in an election; he relocated with his
16 family to Elsa in 1942, and he helped his friends and neighbors in
17 the community in every way he could, even using his own fleet of
18 trucks to transport lumber for the construction of Sacred Heart
19 Church; and

20 WHEREAS, The former Francisca "Panchita" Canales was born to
21 Natividad and Lucia Canales on April 2, 1914, in Salineño; married
22 to Mr. Salinas for 69 years, she was a strong matriarch and an
23 outstanding cook; she took great pride in keeping her kitchen busy
24 and in entertaining relatives, friends, and neighbors, and she was

1 cherished for her sense of humor, her wisdom, and her bright smile;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Affectionately referred to as "Guelo" and "Guela,"
4 Mr. and Mrs. Salinas nurtured a devoted and close-knit family,
5 instilling in their children the values of respect and humility and
6 encouraging them to serve their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, These caring citizens inspired others with their
8 enduring commitment to one another through nearly seven decades as
9 husband and wife, and they will forever be treasured in the hearts
10 of all who were fortunate enough to know them; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña has justly recognized
12 Armando and Francisca Salinas by authoring this resolution in their
13 behalf during the Regular Session of the 81st Texas Legislature;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor the lives of Armando and Francisca Salinas
17 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of their family: to their
18 sons, Cesar Salinas and his wife, Delia, Jorge Salinas and his wife,
19 Esperanza, Armando Salinas, Jr., and his wife, Delia, Rene Salinas
20 and his wife, Rosie, and Ernesto Salinas and his wife, Sandra; to
21 their daughters, Amparo Bazan and her husband, Eduardo, and Frances
22 Hinojosa; to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to
23 their other relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Armando and
27 Francisca Salinas.