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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Weslaco Independent School District paid
2 tribute to the life of an esteemed educator with the dedication of
3 the Pete Abrigo Agricultural Science Complex on February 20, 2009;
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5 WHEREAS, The Agricultural Science Complex honors the late
6 Pete Abrigo, who was an agricultural science teacher at Weslaco
7 High School for more than three decades; born to Tomas and Francisca
8 Abrigo in 1938, Mr. Abrigo was a native of Encino, but was raised in
9 Inez; he went on to graduate from Victoria High School, where he was
10 president of the FFA; he later earned a bachelor's degree in
11 agriculture from Southwest Texas State University, and he joined
12 Weslaco ISD in 1962; and

13 WHEREAS, A caring and generous teacher, Mr. Abrigo donated
14 the use of his ranch for students to raise their animals, helped
15 build a school agriculture farm, and established the Help Others
16 Prevent End, or H.O.P.E., club on campus, which is a crisis
17 intervention and suicide prevention organization; highly regarded
18 by his peers, he was affiliated with an organization of Rio Grande
19 Valley agricultural teachers and numerous agricultural education
20 committees; he served on the board of directors for the Vocational
21 Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas and as president of the
22 Area 10 FFA chapter; fittingly, the Agricultural Science Complex
23 will be the Weslaco ISD site for FFA activities; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Abrigo further distinguished himself through

1 his civic contributions; he was a volunteer firefighter with the
2 Weslaco Fire Department, a cub scout leader, and a member of the
3 Knights of Columbus; he was also a faithful congregant of St. Pius X
4 Catholic Church and planned many of its fund-raisers, and he was on
5 the committees for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and the
6 Hidalgo County Youth Show; and

7 WHEREAS, Pete Abrigo was committed to his profession and his
8 community, and the naming of the Weslaco ISD Agricultural Science
9 Complex ensures that his legacy of good works will continue to
10 inspire young Texans; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the Pete Abrigo
13 Agricultural Science Complex and extend to the students and staff
14 of the Weslaco Independent School District sincere best wishes for
15 the future.