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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of El Paso County lost a dedicated
2 public servant with the passing of El Paso County Sheriff Leo
3 Samaniego on December 28, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Samaniego served his fellow citizens with
5 distinction during a career in law enforcement that spanned more
6 than half a century; after a tenure in the U.S. Navy, he joined the
7 El Paso Police Department, where his hard work and determination
8 earned him a number of promotions through the years; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1984, he retired from the El Paso Police
10 Department as deputy chief; he was elected sheriff that same year,
11 and under his able guidance, the office more than doubled in size
12 and earned national accreditation for law enforcement and two
13 jails, becoming the first sheriff's office in the state to
14 accomplish such an achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Leo Samaniego will
16 long remember his dedication to his West Texas community, and
17 although he is greatly missed, his legacy lives on in the
18 institutions he nurtured and in the myriad accomplishments he
19 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sheriff Leo Samaniego
22 and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and,
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leo
3 Samaniego.