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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso lost a respected public servant
2 and business leader with the passing of Pablo Salcido on April 18,
3 2009, at the age of 52; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Salcido was known for his
5 energy and enthusiasm in a wide range of endeavors; the president of
6 the student body during his time at El Paso High School, he was also
7 a near-constant presence on the field at football games, serving as
8 the quarterback of the team and then taking up his trumpet at
9 halftime to perform with the marching band; after receiving his
10 diploma in 1974, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Austin
11 College and later graduated with a master's degree from the Lyndon
12 B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at
13 Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, Possessing a deep interest in international issues,
15 he joined the Peace Corps and worked to assist special needs
16 children and hurricane victims in Honduras; after returning to the
17 United States, he took a job in San Antonio city government under
18 Mayor Henry Cisneros and helped coordinate the city's successful
19 efforts to spur economic growth; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Salcido returned to El Paso in the late 1980s to
21 become the city's first economic development director, and his
22 pioneering efforts attracted numerous companies to the area; he
23 later held a number of business positions in the El Paso area,
24 working as general manager for KINT-TV and as a member of the

1 management team for EDM, which gave him experience in project and
2 plant management; and

3 WHEREAS, Building on his Peace Corps experience, this
4 motivated leader became the director of the International
5 City/County Management Association and undertook projects in
6 Central and South America to help countries develop stable,
7 democratic government institutions at the state and local level;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Salcido once again took up public
10 service in his hometown when he was hired as the president and chief
11 executive officer for the City of El Paso Housing Authority; he then
12 became the president and CEO of Paso Del Norte Group, an assignment
13 in which he was responsible for uniting business, political, and
14 community leaders in the region to accomplish community service
15 projects; his final position was as president and CEO of Tigua
16 Incorporated, where he began work in June 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, The loss of this esteemed Texan is keenly felt by the
18 numerous friends that he made through the years as well as by the
19 many people whose lives were made better by his efforts; an
20 individual of great integrity who committed himself to helping
21 others in myriad ways, Pablo Salcido set an inspiring example of
22 civic engagement, and his work will be remembered and admired for
23 years to come; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Pablo Salcido and
26 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
27 wife, Cheryl; to his children, Jordan, Briana, and Alyssa; to his

1 brothers, Ruben, Juan, Benny, and Raul Salcido; to his sisters,
2 Carmen Pierce, Noemi Garber, Rebecca Reyna, and Anna Salom; to his
3 many nieces and nephews; and to his other relatives and friends;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pablo
8 Salcido.