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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Rio Grande City fondly remember Pete
2 Diaz, Jr., a cherished friend and a dedicated civic leader, who died
3 on March 17, 1999, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Pedro Diaz, Sr., and Aurora Valverde
5 Diaz, Pete Diaz was born on November 17, 1927, in Rio Grande City;
6 he went on to become an entrepreneur and the proprietor of the
7 Valley Mart grocery store chain, as well as a management company, a
8 Spanish language radio station, a motor inn, a golf course, and 14
9 shopping centers, and his company, Diaz Enterprises, was one of the
10 largest Hispanic-owned businesses in the country; moreover, he
11 believed in helping others to succeed, and he frequently provided
12 assistance to his fellow citizens to help them achieve their
13 educational and employment goals; and

14 WHEREAS, Active in politics and government, Mr. Diaz was
15 appointed to the National Advisory Council for Vocational Education
16 by President Ronald Reagan, and he served on the Texas Board of
17 Criminal Justice and the Texas Private Industry Council; in
18 addition, he was a vice president of the Rio Grande Valley
19 Partnership, a director of the Texas Retail Grocers Association,
20 and an advisor to the College of Business Administration at The
21 University of Texas--Pan American, and he was on the board of
22 directors of St. Mary's University; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed community leader further
24 distinguished himself as one of the founders of the Rio Grande City

1 Volunteer Fire Department and as an organizer of the Rio Grande City
2 Christmas Festival, and he was a charter member of the Rio Grande
3 City Rotary Club; he was also a valued member of the Masonic Hope
4 Lodge No. 471 and of the Scottish Rite 32nd degree, and he had
5 served as Worshipful Master; and

6 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Diaz enjoyed the love
7 and support of his wife, Ramona, and he took great pride in his six
8 children, Mary E. Recio, Belinda Diaz, Pete Diaz III, Hiram Diaz,
9 Aaron Diaz, and Monica D. Aguillon; and

10 WHEREAS, Pete Diaz was an inspiration to all those who were
11 fortunate enough to share in his love and friendship, and his
12 remarkable legacy continues to resonate in Rio Grande City and
13 beyond; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Pete Diaz, Jr.; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pete Diaz.