

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins the  
2 citizens of Valentine in mourning the loss of Ricardo B. Calderon,  
3 who died April 19, 2009, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Richard Calderon was born in Candelaria, Texas, on  
5 April 4, 1917, and moved to Valentine with his family while still a  
6 young child; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Calderon served in the United States Army during  
8 World War II and saw duty in the North African Theater as an  
9 engineer technician; he was the survivor of a land mine explosion,  
10 which left him with a broken skull and back; and

11           WHEREAS, On his recovery, he attended barber school in  
12 Lubbock and went on to have a successful career as a barber for more  
13 than 40 years, during which time he cut hair for residents of  
14 Valentine, Van Horn, Marfa, and Pecos; he was very proud of his  
15 military service and often shared his stories of that time with  
16 others; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Calderon was an exemplary gentleman who was  
18 beloved and respected by many for his courage, strength, and  
19 generous spirit; he was married to Maria Rios Calderon, and the  
20 couple were blessed with two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren,  
21 and two great-grandchildren; and

22           WHEREAS, Richard Calderon was a devoted husband, father, and  
23 grandfather, and he leaves behind a legacy to treasure for those  
24 that held him dear; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ricardo B. Calderon  
3 and extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it  
4 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 Richard  
8 Calderon.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2708 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House