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H.R. No. 2708

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

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.