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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The valiant Americans who fought for this country  
2 during the crucial years of World War II are deserving of the  
3 highest respect; and

4           WHEREAS, Felix Rodriguez, Sr., of Elsa was among those who  
5 endured the grim dangers of war to preserve this nation's freedom at  
6 that critical juncture; and

7           WHEREAS, Born in McAllen in 1926, Mr. Rodriguez enlisted in  
8 the U.S. Army in September 1944, and as a rifleman with Troop E, 8th  
9 Cavalry Regiment, he served with distinction in the Pacific  
10 Theater; after helping to liberate the Philippines, he witnessed  
11 the Japanese surrender ceremony aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo  
12 Bay; and

13           WHEREAS, Private Rodriguez earned a number of military honors  
14 for his intrepid service, including the Good Conduct Medal, the  
15 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Ribbon with two Bronze Stars,  
16 the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the  
17 Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, the Philippine Liberation  
18 Medal and Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, two Overseas Service Bars,  
19 and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

20           WHEREAS, After his discharge from the military in 1946, Mr.  
21 Rodriguez began a career as a truck driver that spanned more than  
22 half a century; through the years, he has been a loving husband to  
23 his wife of six decades, Esperanza Madrigal Rodriguez, and a caring  
24 father to his many children; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez has also taken an active role in his  
2 community, helping to found the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No.  
3 7473 in Elsa; and

4           WHEREAS, Each year on Veteran's Day we reflect on the  
5 contributions made by the members of America's armed forces, and in  
6 that spirit, the members of this chamber recognize the tremendous  
7 valor of Private Felix Rodriguez and his noble actions in behalf of  
8 his country and its citizens; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor Felix Rodriguez, Sr., for his courageous  
11 service as a member of the United States Army during World War II  
12 and extend to him sincere appreciation for his steadfast  
13 patriotism; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.