

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A respected businessman and a cherished friend to  
2 many, Eladio Carrera of Rio Grande City passed away on January 8,  
3 2009, at the age of 82; and

4           WHEREAS, "Lalo" Carrera was born in Rio Grande City on  
5 November 29, 1926, to Santana and Benita Carrera; he graduated from  
6 Rio Grande City High School in 1944 and went on to letter in  
7 basketball at Edinburg Junior College; answering his nation's call  
8 to duty during World War II, he served as a member of the U.S. Army  
9 assigned to the 15th Field Artillery Battalion; he participated in  
10 the occupation of Italy and was honorably discharged with the rank  
11 of corporal in 1947; and

12           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Carrera earned a  
13 bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of  
14 Texas at Austin in 1950 and that same year returned to his hometown,  
15 where he partnered with his father and brother to open Twin Palms  
16 Food Center; he operated the business with integrity and  
17 compassion, extending interest-free credit to local families  
18 unable to pay cash for their groceries, and retired in 1993 after  
19 more than four decades; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Carrera subsequently pursued his interests in  
21 ranching and real estate and provided facilities at no cost to local  
22 religious and public service organizations; tracing his own roots  
23 in the area back to the early 1840s, he further contributed to his  
24 community through his extensive genealogical knowledge of the Rio

1 Grande Valley's pioneer Hispanic families; and

2 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Carrera enjoyed meeting  
3 with longtime friends for coffee and conversation; above all else,  
4 he was devoted to his wife of 56 years, Ines Guerra Carrera, and  
5 their five children; and

6 WHEREAS, Lalo Carrera was deeply committed to his family and  
7 his fellow citizens, and though he is greatly missed, memories of  
8 his wry sense of humor and his warm and caring nature will long  
9 endure in the hearts of all those who held him dear; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
13 Eladio Carrera and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
14 family: to his children, Eladio Carrera and his wife, Ginette,  
15 Victor Carrera and his wife, Lena, Minerva Carrera, Gloria Lammers,  
16 and Daniel Carrera; to his grandchildren, Aaron, Carlos, and Olivia  
17 Lammers and Monique, Alexandro, Marisa, Marielle, Cristian, and  
18 Isaac Carrera; to his step-granddaughter, Celena Avila; to his  
19 sisters, Alicia Carrera, Imelda Carrera, and Ana Maria Salinas; and  
20 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lalo  
24 Carrera.

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H.R. No. 42

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 42 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 28, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House