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H.R. No. 42

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.