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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime restaurateur Juan Caro of Rio Grande City
2 passed away on April 15, 2007, at the age of 75, leaving behind a
3 record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 20, 1931, Juanito Caro was seven
5 years old when his father died, and his mother opened a restaurant
6 in their home to support the family; she cooked and served the food
7 with the help of her children, and Caro's Restaurant eventually
8 became a popular eatery known for its puffy tacos and tostados; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Caro graduated from Rio Grande High School and
10 answered his nation's call to duty with service in the U.S. Army; he
11 was stationed in France for a time before returning home to save
12 money for college; he paid his way through the University of
13 Wisconsin at River Falls and earned a degree in agriculture; and

14 WHEREAS, Settling in Rio Grande City, Mr. Caro became manager
15 of the restaurant in 1972, and along with his wife, Maria del Carmen
16 Caro, helped the business survive some lean times; the operation
17 was still operated out of Mr. Caro's childhood home, and in 1980, he
18 opened an extension to the dining area that accommodated 40 more
19 people; he expanded the space several more times until finally
20 moving Caro's into a separate building in 1998; along the way, he
21 applied his education through work on the family ranch; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Caro delighted in handing out lollipops to
23 children at the restaurant, and his loving and generous nature was
24 further expressed in his devotion to his family; he and his wife

1 enjoyed 35 years together, and he was the proud father of two sons,
2 Juan Samuel Caro and Cary Allen Caro; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Juanito Caro is deeply missed, memories of
4 his compassion and enthusiasm for life remain to comfort and
5 inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and
9 legacy of Juan Caro.