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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of Rio Grande City lost one of its most
2 admired residents with the passing of Lino Perez, Jr., on October
3 23, 2008, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Descended from several Starr County pioneer
5 families, Mr. Perez was born to Lino Perez, Sr., and Cristina Margo
6 in Rio Grande City on September 19, 1914; his grandfather Ruperto
7 Margo and his uncle Idelfonso Hinojosa were prominent Starr County
8 ranchers, while his father served as both mayor and postmaster of
9 Rio Grande City; and

10 WHEREAS, Lino Perez, Jr., attended Rio Grande City High
11 School, where he helped to organize the school's first football
12 team; he served as captain and quarterback of the 1931 team, which
13 went undefeated and unscored upon; after graduating in 1931, he
14 continued his studies at Brownsville High School and then at Austin
15 High School in Austin, graduating as valedictorian of the AHS Class
16 of 1933; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Perez had hoped to enroll at The University of
18 Texas, but his help was needed at home, and he returned to Rio
19 Grande City to assist his father with the running of the post
20 office; his work there was interrupted during World War II, when he
21 answered his country's call to duty and joined the United States
22 Army; and

23 WHEREAS, Lino Perez succeeded his father as postmaster in
24 1957, and he continued to hold that position until stepping down in

1 1975, after 41 years' total service; during his tenure as
2 postmaster, he oversaw the upgrading of the Rio Grande City post
3 office, the initiation of city mail delivery and of rural delivery
4 to the whole of the county, and the expansion of the post office
5 staff from 4 to 15 employees; and

6 WHEREAS, After his retirement from the postal service,
7 Mr. Perez owned and operated El Bremono Ranch in La Gloria until 1989;
8 he also continued to serve the public, winning election to several
9 terms as a member of the Starr County Memorial Hospital Board of
10 Directors; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Perez gave generously of his
12 time and talents to the Knights of Columbus, which he joined in
13 1935; in addition to his extensive involvement in his local
14 council, he held a number of statewide offices and led the Texas
15 organization as state deputy from 1971 to 1973; he was also a
16 charter member of El Cid Caravan No. 106 of the International Order
17 of Alhambra and the caravan's first Grand Commander; moreover, he
18 belonged to the Dine and Dance Club, Rotary Club, Disabled American
19 Veterans, and American Legion; and

20 WHEREAS, Lino Perez married the love of his life, Dora Garza,
21 on March 1, 1937, and the couple enjoyed a rewarding union until his
22 passing; over the years, they became the proud parents of a
23 daughter, Rebecca, and three sons, Lino, Ricardo, and Carlos, and
24 they rejoiced as their family grew to include grandchildren and
25 great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, Held in high esteem throughout his community, Lino
27 Perez could take pride in a long record of constructive endeavor,

1 and those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his love and
2 affection will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby join the family of Lino
6 Perez, Jr., in paying tribute to the life of this esteemed Texan;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lino
11 Perez, Jr.