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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Tejano music community lost one of its pillars
2 with the death of groundbreaking DJ Javier Villanueva of San Diego
3 on June 10, 2011, at the age of 61; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Alice on June 10, 1950, "J. V." Villanueva
5 was the son of Antonio and Ernestina Villanueva; he hosted a morning
6 show on KUKA 105.9-FM from the early days of Tejano radio and
7 introduced his fans to many artists who went on to become stars; in
8 addition, the popular broadcast personality served as a manager for
9 such artists as Laura Canales, Los Fabulosos Cuatro, and Carlos
10 Guzman; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Villanueva earned the nickname "the Dean of
12 Tejano" through his dedication to the music; he worked diligently
13 to promote gifted artists who fostered the development of the
14 genre, whether they were already established or just getting their
15 start, and he won official state recognition for Alice as the
16 birthplace of Tejano; in 1999, he helped found the Tejano Roots Hall
17 of Fame Museum, and he served as its chief executive officer; the
18 mayor of Alice proclaimed September 18 as Javier "J. V." Villanueva
19 Day in 2004, and the following year, *Tejano Magazine* named him
20 Tejano Music Person of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, J. V. Villanueva brought Tejano music and joy into
22 the lives of innumerable people, and although he will be deeply
23 missed by his loved ones, his contributions will continue to
24 resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
3 of Javier "J. V." Villanueva and extend sincere sympathy to the
4 members of his family: to his wife, Mary Ester Villanueva; to his
5 sons, Javier Antoine Villanueva and his wife, Merlinda, Jose A.
6 Rodriguez and his wife, Jenny, and Johnny Rodriguez and his wife,
7 Mandy; to his daughter, Eva Garcia, and her husband, Pete; to his
8 grandfather, Raul Hernandez; to his brothers, Antonio G.
9 Villanueva, Jr., and his wife, Rosie, and Tony "Buddy" Villanueva;
10 to his sister, Gloria "Puggy" Scoyola; to his brothers-in-law,
11 Robert Garcia and his wife, Elia, Roel Garcia and his wife, Diana,
12 Raul Garcia and his wife, Vicky, and Jose Garcia; to his
13 sisters-in-law, Thelma Villarreal and her husband, Ranulfo, and
14 Cynthia Garcia; to his grandchildren, Erika Rae Garcia, Brittany N.
15 Gibson and her husband, Cody, Kimberly Ann Burgess and her husband,
16 Tanner, Ashley D. Garcia, Natasha N. Rodriguez, Daniel J.
17 Rodriguez, Jon Anthony Rodriguez, Leandra J. Rodriguez, Joshua A.
18 Rodriguez, and Kyra S. Rangel; to his great-grandson, Ayden Madison
19 Burgess; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
20 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 Javier
24 "J. V." Villanueva.