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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Corpus Christi lost a beloved
2 educator and an admired jazz musician with the death of Edward
3 Galvan of Corpus Christi on February 15, 2011, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Eddie Galvan was born on August 19, 1927, to Rafael
5 and Virginia Galvan; his father gave him violin lessons, but he
6 wanted to be a horn player and snuck a saxophone home from school to
7 teach himself to play; and

8 WHEREAS, While still a young man, he and his brother Bobby
9 opened the Galvan Music Company and the Galvan Ballroom in Corpus
10 Christi, where together with their brothers Sammy and Ralph they
11 performed during the height of the swing era as the Galvan Brothers,
12 often accompanying such music legends as Duke Ellington, Stan
13 Kenton, Tommy Dorsey, and Gene Krupa; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating from Corpus Christi High School in
15 1945, Mr. Galvan earned an associate's degree at Del Mar College; he
16 went on to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in music
17 from Texas College of Arts and Industries in 1952 and 1953,
18 respectively; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Galvan began his career in education as a
20 teacher in Premont in 1953, and three years later, he joined the
21 Corpus Christi Independent School District; from 1973 until he
22 retired from the district in 1985, he was the district's
23 coordinator of music and director of human resources; and

24 WHEREAS, An inspiring teacher who was known to his devoted

1 students as "Mr. G.," Mr. Galvan led the Battlin' Bucs band of Roy
2 Miller High School to many University Interscholastic League
3 victories; under his baton, the Bucs also won outstanding band
4 honors at Six Flags Over Texas and the Houston Baptist Music
5 Festivals; they received the Victor's Trophy at the 1968 Cotton
6 Bowl, and the following year, Mr. Galvan was invited to be guest
7 conductor at the Cotton Bowl Pageant; and

8 WHEREAS, After retiring from Corpus Christi ISD in 1985, Mr.
9 Galvan continued to teach as an associate professor of music at
10 Corpus Christi State University until 1991, when he was appointed
11 dean of music at Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications and Fine
12 Arts in Laredo, a position he held for eight years; and

13 WHEREAS, The dynamic Mr. Galvan also found time to serve as
14 vice president of the Band Division of the Texas Music Educators
15 Association and as president of the Texas Bandmasters Association;
16 from 1973 through 1994, he was a Port of Corpus Christi
17 commissioner; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Mr. Galvan performed as
19 the front man of the Eddie Galvan Orchestra, delighting audiences
20 throughout South Texas; he cofounded the Texas Jazz Festival, where
21 he was a headliner for many years, and in 2004, he and his brother
22 Bobby were inducted into the South Texas Music Walk of Fame; the
23 band hall at Roy Miller High School was renamed in his honor, and in
24 2008, he was inducted into the South Texas Region XIV Band Directors
25 Hall of Fame; and

26 WHEREAS, A gifted jazz musician and a dedicated teacher,
27 Eddie Galvan leaves behind a legacy that will long resonate in the

1 lives of his many friends and admirers throughout the state; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward Galvan and
5 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
6 wife, Nancy Galvan; to his children, Mary Grace Carroll and her
7 husband, Vernon, and Edward Overton Galvan, and their mother,
8 Catherine Marion Menger; to his grandchildren, Kathryn Bridget and
9 Patrick Edward; to his stepchildren, Jeffery Mark Brewer, his wife,
10 Joanna, and their son, Joseph, John Gordon Brewer, his wife,
11 Marcie, and their children, Kevin, Justin, Darby, Evan, and
12 Georgia, and Tava Marie Foret, her husband, David, and their sons,
13 Clinton, Trystan, and David; to his sisters, Patty Prezas and Mamie
14 Oliveira; to his brothers, Ralph Galvan, Jr., and his wife, Jeanne,
15 and Bobby Galvan and his wife, Alicia; and to his other relatives
16 and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eddie
20 Galvan.