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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Del Rio lost a beloved community
2 leader with the passing of Juan S. Olivares, Jr., on January 19,
3 2011, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Del Rio, Johnny Olivares was born on
5 October 21, 1929, to Juan and Dolores Olivares; he earned his
6 bachelor's degree from Sul Ross State University, where he also
7 completed his master's degree and received mid-management
8 certification; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivares had a distinguished career in
10 education, serving as a teacher, as a principal, and as a member of
11 the human resources department of the San Felipe Del Rio
12 Consolidated Independent School District, and his efforts helped
13 many students and educators; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also gave back through his
15 contributions to a number of worthwhile initiatives, including the
16 Val Verde Regional Medical Center board, which he served as chair;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mr. Olivares joined the San Felipe Lions
19 Club, beginning an association that would span more than half a
20 century; over the years, he held every office in the club, and he
21 further served the organization in the roles of cabinet secretary,
22 deputy governor-at-large, and governor of District 2-A2 and council
23 treasurer of MD-2 Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivares was recognized time and again for his

1 exceptional efforts in behalf of Lions Clubs International; in
2 addition to earning the titles of Life Member, Lion of the Year,
3 Melvin Jones Fellow, and Jack Weich Fellow, he received the
4 International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the
5 International President's Medal of Merit; his accomplishments were
6 also honored in 2005, when he was inducted into the District 2-A2
7 Herb C. Petry, Jr., Hall of Fame, and in 2009, when the San Felipe
8 Lions Center was dedicated in his honor; and

9 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Olivares enjoyed the
10 support of a loving family; married for 55 years to Kathryn
11 Olivares, he was devoted to his children, Mary and Juan, to his
12 grandson and granddaughter, and to his two great-granddaughters;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Johnny Olivares led an accomplished, purposeful
15 life, and although he will be deeply missed, his legacy of service
16 to his fellow residents will long resonate in the community; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Juan S. Olivares,
20 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
21 his wife, Kathryn Olivares; to his daughter, Mary Lozano, and her
22 husband, Roy; to his son, Juan "Trey" Olivares III; to his
23 grandchildren, John and Kristian Arredondo; to his
24 great-grandchildren, Cassidy and Alessia Arredondo; and to his
25 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Juan
2 Olivares.