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H.R. No. 2382

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loss of Jose R. Coronado on February 26, 2011, is
2 keenly felt by the numerous friends that he made through the years
3 as well as by the many veterans whose lives he forever enriched; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Benavides, Mr. Coronado was born on
5 April 3, 1932, to Pedro Coronado and Otila Coronado Garza; he served
6 his country as a member of the U.S. Army and went on to have a
7 distinguished career with the Department of Veterans Affairs that
8 spanned 44 years; and

9 WHEREAS, After nearly a decade of service with the Houston VA
10 Medical Center, Mr. Coronado was selected as the first VA employee
11 to attend the U.S. Army--Baylor University graduate program in
12 healthcare administration; he earned his master's degree and went
13 on to become assistant director and later director of the Audie L.
14 Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Coronado was appointed director of the expanded
16 South Texas Veterans Health Care System in 1995, and during his
17 notable tenure he oversaw more than 2,800 employees across the
18 state and an annual budget exceeding \$450 million; his exemplary
19 work was recognized with Presidential Rank Awards from Ronald
20 Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton; and

21 WHEREAS, Although Jose Coronado's death has brought great
22 sorrow to those who loved him, his life was an inspiring example of
23 the good that one committed person can accomplish, and he will long
24 be fondly remembered for the positive difference he made in the

1 world around him; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jose R. Coronado and
4 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
5 brother, Pedro Coronado, Jr.; to his sisters, Guadalupe Cuellar,
6 Berta Corkill, Gloria Spencer, and Macarita Young; to his
7 goddaughter, Leslie "Nikki" Fisher; and to his other relatives and
8 friends; and, be it further

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