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H.R. No. 2400

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A fruitful and accomplished life drew to a close on
2 May 3, 2011, with the passing of Victoriano "Tano" Leal, Sr., at the
3 age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Luis and Maria Caballero Leal, Victoriano
5 Leal, Sr., was raised in Concepcion, Texas, and graduated from
6 Benavides High School in 1966; he went on to earn his bachelor's
7 degree from East Texas State University and would continue his
8 studies at Texas A & I University in Kingsville, where he earned a
9 Master of Arts Degree and administrative certification; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Leal began a successful teaching career after
11 earning his graduate degree, he taught junior high students at San
12 Diego Independent School District in Texas for more than 15 years;
13 he then went on to become an elementary principal in Realitos,
14 Texas, and then a junior high principal and Director of Federal
15 Programs at Benavides Independent School District; he was an
16 admirable man of strong moral fiber who dedicated his life to
17 shaping his community's youth into the leaders he knew they were
18 capable of becoming; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Leal possessed strong zeal for community
20 service, which is evident by the eight years he spent as a valued
21 and effective member of the school board of Benavides Independent
22 School District, he was also a member of the Texas State Teachers
23 Association, Texas State School Administrators Association, and
24 Texas Cattlemen's Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Victoriano Leal, Sr., was a loving husband, devout
2 father, cherished grandfather, and treasured sibling who greatly
3 valued his family and was a firm believer in helping his fellow
4 neighbor; the lives he touched are numerous and the lessons he
5 taught will continue to live on with many in his community; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pays tribute to the memory of Mr. Victoriano
9 "Tano" Leal, Sr., and extends sincere condolences to the members of
10 his family: to his wife of 42 years, Mrs. Emma Lou Gutierrez Leal;
11 to his three sons, Victoriano Leal, Jr., Joe Dan Leal, and Eden
12 Adrain Leal; and his daughter, Katrina Wood; to to his two brothers,
13 Luis Leal, Jr., and Jose Leal; to his sister, Eloisa Coy; to his
14 sister-in-law, Maria Hilda Lopez; and to his granddaughter,
15 Katalina Emma Wood; and to his many other relatives and friends;
16 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 Mr.
20 Victoriano Leal, Sr.