

By: Moody

H.C.R. No. 8

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the sorrow felt at the death of Jacinto Romo of El Paso on  
3 June 15, 2013, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Jay Romo grew up on the city's  
5 south side as one of eight children; he served his country in the  
6 United States Army during World War II, and he was awarded the  
7 Silver Star for his valor in the capture of more than 100 German  
8 soldiers near Montepiano, Italy, an event that led to a break in the  
9 enemy defense line; in addition, he drove an amphibious vehicle,  
10 transporting troops and supplies from ship to shore under fire,  
11 when his unit landed at Anzio, and he earned two Purple Hearts and a  
12 Bronze Star; and

13 WHEREAS, This patriotic Texan was discharged from the 53rd  
14 Quartermaster Battalion in November 1945 and went on to pursue a  
15 career in the insurance industry; he started out selling policies  
16 and eventually operated his own agency; later, he switched to  
17 retail and sold furniture until his retirement in 1984; and

18 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the well-being of his fellow  
19 veterans, Mr. Romo was very active in the Military Order of the  
20 Purple Heart and helped others navigate the Veterans Administration  
21 system; his many accolades included the Michael Petricko Volunteer  
22 Service Officer Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Romo shared a fulfilling marriage with his wife,  
24 Aurora, before her passing; the devoted father of Gilbert, Patrick,

1 and Bernadette, he also took great pride in his 16 grandchildren and  
2 22 great-grandchildren; he was a member of the Catholic Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Brave, resolute, and compassionate, Jay Romo left an  
4 unmistakable imprint on the world as he moved through it, and those  
5 who were fortunate enough to know him will long remember his  
6 contributions to his country and his community; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,  
9 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Jacinto Romo  
10 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
11 sons, Gilbert and Patrick Romo; to his daughter, Bernadette  
12 Gutierrez, and her husband, Mike; to his grandchildren and  
13 great-grandchildren; to his sisters, Ernestina Romo Newton, Rosa  
14 M. Romo Sanchez and her husband, Reynaldo, Concepcion Romo Colon,  
15 and Martha Roa Callaway; and to his 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory  
20 of Jacinto Romo.