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H.R. No. 855

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Abelardo Leyva of Alpine passed away on July 18,  
2 2012, at the age of 79, leaving his circle of loved ones with many  
3 treasured memories of time spent in his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Terlingua on April 25, 1933, Abe Leyva was  
5 the son of Agustine and Jesus Leyva; he joined the United States  
6 Army in 1953 and earned the National Defense Service Medal, the  
7 United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and the  
8 Good Conduct Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, After leaving the military, Mr. Leyva worked as a  
10 postal carrier, and he also served his community as a Brewster  
11 County commissioner for more than a decade; he was a charter member  
12 of the Alpine Evening Lions Club and belonged to the Veterans of  
13 Foreign Wars; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Leyva married the love of his life, Elidia  
15 Gallego, in Alpine in 1956, and they shared nearly six decades  
16 together; the parents of two sons, Orlando G. Leyva and Abelardo  
17 "Ito" Leyva, the couple later welcomed into their family three  
18 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and

19 WHEREAS, Abe Leyva made a positive and lasting difference in  
20 the lives of his friends and loved ones, and he will be deeply  
21 missed by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Abelardo Leyva and  
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,

1 Elidia Leyva; to his sons, Orlando G. Leyva and Abelardo "Ito"  
2 Leyva; to his brothers, Agustine Leyva, Jr., Palemon Leyva, and  
3 Alberto Leyva; to his sister, Beatrice Leyva; to his grandchildren,  
4 Cesar Leyva, Orlando Leyva, and Isela Garcia; to his  
5 great-grandchild, Issa Garcia; and to his other relatives and  
6 friends; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in a memory of Abelardo  
10 Leyva.