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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Poteet lost a respected agricultural and
2 community leader with the passing of Richard Reyes on January 11,
3 2013, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Poteet, Richard Reyes was born to
5 Eduardo and Manuela Reyes on February 9, 1949; he graduated from
6 Poteet High School and, answering his country's call to duty,
7 served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; on his
8 return, he married the former Victoria Briones, and over the course
9 of more than four decades together, they were blessed with three
10 daughters, Shirley, Anna, and Jessica; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes continued his family's long tradition of
12 farming, and he raised a wide variety of crops, including squash,
13 peas, peanuts, watermelons, corn, and strawberries; he was one of
14 the first area farmers to be named Strawberry Grower of the Year,
15 and in 2011 the Reyes Farm was inducted into the Texas Department of
16 Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms
17 and ranches that have been in operation by the same family for a
18 century or more; and

19 WHEREAS, Active in the community, Mr. Reyes was junior vice
20 commander and post surgeon at the Poteet VFW Post No. 6970; in
21 addition, he served as director and grower liaison for the Poteet
22 Strawberry Festival Association and still found time to work in the
23 booths at the event; and

24 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Reyes enjoyed hunting,

1 fishing, dancing, and preparing traditional family recipes such as
2 tamales and chicharrones; known for his wonderful sense of humor,
3 he took great pleasure in orchestrating practical jokes and in
4 playing card games with his fellow veterans from the VFW; devoted to
5 his loved ones, he especially liked doting on his grandchildren and
6 spending time with his dog, Lucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Reyes lived life to the fullest, and in so
8 doing, he made the world a better place for those fortunate enough
9 to know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Reyes and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Victoria Reyes; to his daughters, Shirley Natal and her husband,
14 Alex, Anna Salas and her husband, Jeffry, and Jessica Bartlett and
15 her husband, Bradley; to his grandchildren, Maria, Nikole, Thomas,
16 and Aiden Salas, Ricardo, Marcos, and Diego Natal, and Addison and
17 Brody Bartlett; to his siblings, Albert Reyes and his wife, Stella,
18 Adelfa Sanchez, Louisa Silva and her husband, John, David Reyes and
19 his wife, Mary, Margarita Houghes, Mary Garcia and her husband,
20 Juan, and Dianne Herrera and her husband, Jesse; and to his other
21 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
25 Reyes.