

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Paul J. Strelzin passed away on April 27, 2013, at  
2 the age of 75, leaving the city of El Paso to mourn a local icon who  
3 distinguished himself in a range of endeavors; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Strelzin served  
5 his country as a member of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment of the  
6 U.S. Army; after moving to El Paso in 1967, he began working as a  
7 teacher and coach in the El Paso Independent School District, and he  
8 went on to serve as the principal of H. E. Charles Middle School,  
9 Lincoln Middle School, and Bowie High School; in addition to his  
10 commitment to preparing students for the future, he was a vocal  
11 supporter of Hispanic civil and educational rights; during his  
12 tenure at Bowie, he spoke out against injustices he saw that he felt  
13 routinely targeted Hispanic students; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Strelzin was an avid sports enthusiast who was  
15 hired as the public address announcer for The University of Texas at  
16 El Paso track team not long after his arrival in the city; in 1969,  
17 he became the voice of the Miner football and basketball teams as  
18 well, and over the course of nearly two decades, he became a beloved  
19 figure among UTEP fans; he was famous for his ability to electrify  
20 crowds with his boisterous cheers and jokes, particularly his  
21 trademark shout of "MMMMMMinerball!" at the basketball games; known  
22 by his nicknames "The Strelz" and "The Mouth," he later became the  
23 announcer for the city's professional baseball, hockey, and soccer  
24 teams; in recognition of his central role in local sports, he was

1 inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Strelzin furthered his stature as a media  
3 personality through his work at several El Paso radio stations,  
4 including KROD, where he offered pointed commentary on current  
5 issues on his *Back Talk* program from 1999 to 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Away from the microphone, he was a loving husband,  
7 father, grandfather, and friend; he shared a rewarding marriage of  
8 44 years with his wife, Darlyne, and he took great pride in his  
9 children and grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, An integral part of the El Paso community for more  
11 than four decades, Paul Strelzin enriched countless lives through  
12 his work as an educator, sports announcer, and radio host, and his  
13 contributions will be fondly remembered by area residents for many  
14 years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Paul J. Strelzin and  
17 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his  
18 wife, Darlyne Strelzin; to his daughters, Sandra Strelzin Lewis and  
19 her husband, Tommy, Sara McCleskey and her husband, Chad, and Laura  
20 Strelzin; to his grandchildren, Ryan Lewis, Natalie Lewis, Grant  
21 McCleskey, and Kinley McCleskey; to his sisters, Lynn Strelzin  
22 Pollock, Janice Vanderputten, and Adrienne Hermann; to his brother,  
23 Raymond Erlichman; to his children from his previous marriage,  
24 Jeffery Strelzin and his wife, Andrea, and Jennifer Strelzin Frost  
25 and her husband, Bill, and their children, Spencer and Paige Frost;  
26 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Paul  
3 Strelzin.

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Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
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Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2113 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 14, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House