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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness that the death of Mike Moses Anzaldua,  
3 Jr., on December 21, 2012, has brought to all who loved him; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mike and Maria Anzaldua, Mr. Anzaldua was  
5 born on November 26, 1944; he grew up in Robstown and was an honor  
6 roll student and all-state musician at Robstown High School; he  
7 went on to earn degrees from Del Mar College and East Texas State  
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Returning to Del Mar as an English professor in  
10 1969, Mr. Anzaldua went on to build a notable career in higher  
11 education that spanned more than four decades; he served as chair of  
12 the Department of English and Philosophy and interim dean of Arts  
13 and Sciences, and he helped lead such innovations as the College  
14 Development Education Council, the Mariachi Del Mar musical  
15 initiative, and the Mexican American Studies program; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Anzaldua also contributed to Del Mar College as  
17 a tenured member of the Faculty Council, as assistant director of  
18 the East Campus Writing Center, and as director of the Title V  
19 Learning Communities Program; in addition, he was instrumental in  
20 the institution's reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern  
21 Association of Colleges and Schools; and

22 WHEREAS, Off campus, Mr. Anzaldua gave back to his profession  
23 as an officer in several national education organizations,  
24 including the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education; he

1 earned many prestigious honors for his exceptional work through the  
2 years, among them the Dr. Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching  
3 Excellence, the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
4 Teaching Award, the Spanish Language Institute Outstanding  
5 Lecturer Medallion, and the National Institute for Staff and  
6 Organizational Development Excellence in Teaching Award; at the  
7 time of his death, he was professor emeritus of English; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was involved in the greater  
9 community as a longtime church choir director, and in his leisure  
10 time he enjoyed discussing literature, going to the movies, and  
11 sharing a meal with friends and loved ones; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Mike Anzaldua is deeply missed, memories of  
13 his warmth, unfailing generosity, and passion for education remain  
14 to comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mike Moses Anzaldua,  
17 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to  
18 his sister, Della Pierce, and her husband, Jim; to his brother, Jack  
19 Anzaldua, and his wife, Alma; to his nephews, Christopher Anzaldua  
20 and his wife, Karla, Stephen Anzaldua and his wife, Amanda, Paul  
21 Anzaldua and his wife, Alisha, David Pierce and his wife, Jessica,  
22 and Dr. Jeffrey Pierce; to his grandniece, Ana Teresa Anzaldua; and  
23 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mike  
27 Anzaldua, Jr.