

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In December 2014, businessman Fred Loya won the
2 *Great Christmas Light Fight* on ABC-TV with a magnificent array of
3 decorative lights at his home in El Paso, and in a true expression
4 of the Christmas spirit, he donated his \$50,000 in prize money to 10
5 local charities; and

6 WHEREAS, The *Great Christmas Light Fight* is a friendly
7 competition for the best holiday lights in the nation, and Mr. Loya
8 triumphed over a number of other remarkable displays with his
9 annual synchronized sound and light display, which features 450,000
10 lights and draws some 70,000 visitors each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in Santa Ana, California, Mr. Loya developed
12 his strong work ethic as a boy working in his parents' grocery store
13 and tortilla factory; after graduating from Long Beach State
14 College, he served in Germany for several years with the U.S. Army,
15 and he went on to manage his family's cattle ranch in Mexico; in
16 1974, he became a Farmers Insurance agent in El Paso, and today the
17 Loya Insurance Group is a multimillion dollar business with 526
18 agencies in Texas and across the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, For the past decade, Fred Loya has delighted the
20 people of El Paso with the spectacular Christmas lights at his home,
21 and the recognition he won on national television was made even more
22 special by the gracious donation he made to benefit his community;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Fred Loya on winning the 2014 *Great*
2 *Christmas Light Fight* and commend him for his generous gift to
3 charity; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Loya as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 106 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House