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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family, friends, and admirers are mourning the loss  
2 of Hispanic civil rights leader and decorated World War II veteran  
3 Augustin Lucio Jr. of San Marcos, who died on November 13, 2014, at  
4 the age of 91; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Augustin and Maria de Jesus Lucio,  
6 Augustin Lucio Jr. grew up on a farm outside San Marcos; at the age  
7 of 18, he answered his nation's call to duty by joining the U.S.  
8 Army and was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Regiment,  
9 2nd Infantry Division; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Lucio's first combat mission was the D-Day  
11 invasion of Normandy, and a day later, when his unit's platoon  
12 sergeant was wounded, he took charge of the 45-man troop and led  
13 them through a number of important engagements, including the  
14 Battle of the Bulge; honorably discharged in 1945, he was awarded  
15 the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart, as well as the  
16 French Croix de Guerre, among other medals and ribbons; and

17           WHEREAS, Following the war, Mr. Lucio returned to San Marcos,  
18 where he and his wife, Delia, shared 69 happy years; together, they  
19 became the parents of four beloved children, Rosemary, Carol, Joe,  
20 and Robert, and later knew the joy of welcoming into their family  
21 three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Lucio enjoyed a notable career of more than  
23 three decades at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, retiring in  
24 1979 as a chief supply inspector; he contributed to the San Marcos

1 community as a cofounder of the local chapter of the American GI  
2 Forum and as a member of VFW Post No. 3413, the Knights of Columbus,  
3 the Holy Name Society, and St. John's Catholic Church; in addition  
4 to serving on numerous national, state, and local committees, he  
5 was a member of the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School  
6 District board for 19 years and led a boycott of the district over  
7 its lack of Hispanic teachers; the San Marcos High School library is  
8 named in his honor; and

9 WHEREAS, Augustin Lucio was a brave soldier, a caring husband  
10 and father, and a committed member of his community, and the  
11 contributions he made in each of these roles will long inspire all  
12 those who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Augustin Lucio Jr.  
15 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
16 wife, Delia; to his daughters, Rosemary and Carol; to his sons, Joe  
17 and his wife, Sheryl, and Robert and his wife, Josie; to his  
18 grandchildren, Steven and his wife, Brooke, Janellica and her  
19 husband, Paul, and Gabriel; to his great-grandchildren, Lauryn,  
20 Kaytlynn, Kayley, and Valentina; to his sister, Hermina Flores; and  
21 to his other relatives and 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 Augustin  
25 Lucio Jr.