

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of admired educator Alberto Byington Sr.
2 on July 21, 2012, at the age of 77, brought a great loss to residents
3 of South Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Falfurrias on April 6, 1935, Alberto
5 Byington was the son of Alfredo Byington Sr. and Annabel Cruz
6 Byington; he graduated from Falfurrias High School and served his
7 country in the United States Air Force before going on to complete
8 his bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas A&I University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Byington's career in education spanned nearly a
10 half-century; he began teaching in the Brooks County Independent
11 School District in Falfurrias in 1961, and two years later, he
12 became a principal in Encino; he then served as director of federal
13 programs and assistant superintendent, and in 1973, he began a
14 noteworthy 23-year tenure as superintendent; he then served as
15 interim superintendent in Mathis, San Diego, and Ben Bolt-Palito
16 Blanco, where a six-month appointment turned into a seven-year
17 tenure; in addition, he was a Texas Education Agency Monitor for
18 Driscoll ISD; he was asked to return to Brooks County as
19 superintendent and served until 2010, when he retired from the
20 district for a second time; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his calling, Mr. Byington was a
22 kind mentor to countless people, and he served in numerous
23 leadership roles; he was chair of the University Interscholastic
24 League Waiver Review Board and a member of the UIL State Executive

1 Committee and the Region XIV Music Executive Committee, and his
2 professional affiliations included the Texas State Teachers
3 Association and Texas Association of School Administrators; named
4 Educator of the Month by *Texas School Business* magazine, he also
5 received the prestigious Golden Molcajete Award from the Mexican
6 American School Board Members Association and the Tejano Service
7 Award, which recognized him as the longest-serving Hispanic
8 superintendent in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, This civic-minded Texan served the wider community
10 as a member of the Brooks County Chamber of Commerce, the Juvenile
11 Board, and the board of the Kingsville Area Educators Federal
12 Credit Union; moreover, he was a valued member of Sacred Heart
13 Catholic Church, where he served as lector; above all, he was a
14 devoted family man; he shared a fulfilling relationship with his
15 wife, Virginia Susana Byington, and he was the proud father of
16 Alberto, Kristina, and Ricardo; and

17 WHEREAS, Alberto Byington was dedicated to providing the
18 children of rural South Texas with a strong foundation on which to
19 build, and his outstanding contributions will remain a source of
20 inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alberto Byington
24 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alberto
2 Byington Sr.

Guillen

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 656 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 5, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House