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H.R. No. 656

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 Falfurrias in 1961, and two
11 years later, he became a principal in Encino; returning to the
12 Brooks County Independent School District, he served as director of
13 federal programs and assistant superintendent, and in 1973, he
14 began a noteworthy 23-year tenure as superintendent; he then served
15 as 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.