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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elvis Hernandez, a longtime coach and administrator
2 in the Rio Grande Valley, passed away on February 22, 2015, at the
3 age of 53, leaving behind a host of admirers to reflect on a legacy
4 rich in meaningful accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on February 10, 1962, to Efraim and Carmen
6 Hernandez, Elvis Hernandez graduated in 1980 from Saint Joseph
7 Academy in Brownsville, where he was a member of the 1977 state
8 championship football team; he later attended The University of
9 Texas--Pan American, earning a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and
10 a minor in biology; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan began his notable career in
12 education and athletics at Rivera High School, where he coached
13 several sub-varsity teams to district championships; Coach
14 Hernandez then returned to his alma mater in 1993, serving as the
15 head football coach and athletic director at Saint Joseph and
16 leading the Bloodhounds to the state playoffs on several occasions;
17 he next spent four years at Santa Rosa High School, where he also
18 led teams to the playoffs, and from 2004 to 2012 he ran the athletic
19 department and coached the football team at Progreso High School,
20 greatly adding to the squad's record of achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, Widely respected within his profession, Coach
22 Hernandez frequently offered his help and sage advice to fellow
23 coaches in the Rio Grande Valley; moreover, he gave freely of his
24 time and energy as a mentor for countless young athletes and

1 students over the years, emphasizing the importance of discipline
2 and attention to detail in leading a productive life in adulthood;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Elvis Hernandez especially cherished his role as a
5 husband and parent; he enjoyed the love and support of his college
6 sweetheart, Norma, with whom he shared more than three decades of
7 marriage, and he was a devoted father to his two daughters, Sheila
8 and Amanda; in his leisure time, he delighted in spending time
9 outside, fishing and barbecuing; and

10 WHEREAS, Elvis Hernandez lived a generous life dedicated to
11 his work, his community, and his family, and he will be fondly
12 remembered for his positive and caring nature by all those who were
13 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elvis Hernandez and
16 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
17 wife, Norma Hernandez; to his daughters, Sheila and Amanda
18 Hernandez; to his mother, Carmen Hernandez; to his siblings and
19 their spouses, Sonia Hernandez-Keeble and her husband, Leon,
20 Yolanda Kruger and her husband, Gerald, and Jerry Delgado and his
21 wife, Norma; and to his other relatives, friends, and many former
22 students; and, be it further

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