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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The winning of World War II required the dedication
2 and sacrifice of millions of Americans and their families, and the
3 demands of that titanic struggle fell especially heavily on the
4 Trevino family of Zapata, who sent six brothers into harm's way; and

5 WHEREAS, Descendants of land-grant owners in Zapata County,
6 Filiberto and Luisa Cuellar Trevino were the parents of six sons and
7 four daughters, and over the course of World War II, all six
8 brothers served honorably in the U.S. Army, in locations around the
9 world and in several different theaters of combat; and

10 WHEREAS, The family's oldest son, Teodoro, joined the army in
11 June 1941, before the attack on Pearl Harbor; a medic in the Medical
12 Corps for four and a half years, he served first in Arkansas and
13 later in India; Antonio Trevino enlisted in the army three days
14 after Pearl Harbor and served for four years with the Coast
15 Artillery Corps; sent to England after various postings stateside,
16 he subsequently led an antiaircraft crew in France in the months
17 after D-Day; and

18 WHEREAS, Anselmo Trevino, Filiberto Trevino Jr., and their
19 maternal uncle Manuel Cuellar were all sworn into the army on
20 November 10, 1942, and reported to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio;
21 Anselmo Trevino served in Arkansas for five and a half months before
22 receiving an honorable discharge for a leg injury; Filiberto
23 Trevino served in England for 25 months as a member of the 1924th
24 Ordnance Ammunition Company of the U.S. Army Air Corps, loading and

1 unloading bombs and small arms from trucks; and

2 WHEREAS, Leopoldo Trevino joined the army in June 1943 and
3 served with the 586th Antiaircraft Battalion; after reporting to
4 Fort Bliss in El Paso and training at Fort Bowie in Arizona, he was
5 sent via Seattle to Oahu, Hawaii; in 1944, he took part in the
6 invasion of Okinawa, where he and his battalion survived a typhoon
7 by taking shelter in their tents and in caves formerly occupied by
8 the Japanese army; and

9 WHEREAS, The family's youngest son, Jose Manuel Trevino, was
10 inducted at Fort Sam Houston in May 1944; the following December he
11 shipped out to Germany, where he served with a machine-gun squad and
12 sustained injuries from both a road accident and enemy fire; and

13 WHEREAS, During the war, the Trevino brothers were often
14 unable to contact their family for months at a time; their father
15 spent many evenings in a local barber shop, listening for news of
16 his sons' units on the radio, while Mrs. Trevino and her three
17 surviving daughters, Adelina, Maria Concepcion, and Luisa, prayed
18 at home for their safe return; and

19 WHEREAS, By June 1946, the Trevino brothers had all been
20 honorably discharged and had returned to their loving family;
21 today, 70 years after the end of the war, five of the brothers have
22 passed away, but Leopoldo Trevino remains to honor their memory and
23 to pass the story of their heroism down to younger generations, who
24 have benefited from their sacrifice; and

25 WHEREAS, These esteemed Texans exemplified the best values of
26 a generation that helped to preserve democracy and liberty during
27 the most far-reaching conflict in world history, and their fellow

1 citizens owe them a profound and lasting debt of gratitude; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Leopoldo Trevino and pay tribute to the
5 memory of Teodoro Trevino, Antonio Trevino, Jose Manuel Trevino,
6 Filiberto Trevino Jr., and Anselmo Trevino for their courageous
7 service to this nation during World War II; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Trevino family as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives.