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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Bee County lost a dedicated public
2 servant with the passing of the Honorable David T. Silva on March
3 16, 2015, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, David Silva was born in Beeville on May 26, 1944, to
5 Marcos and Altagracia Silva; a 1963 graduate of A. C. Jones High
6 School, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, and he worked his way
7 through college while earning an associate's degree from Bee County
8 College as well as bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas
9 A&M--Corpus Christi after completing his military service; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Silva joined the faculty at Bee County College
11 in 1976 when he was hired as coordinator of the Talent Search
12 Program, and over the course of his notable tenure, he was selected
13 on numerous occasions as Teacher of the Year, and he served as chair
14 of the social science division and as cosponsor of the Phi Theta
15 Kappa honors fraternity; he retired from the school in 2003, though
16 he later returned to work as an adjunct instructor; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Silva began a new chapter in his life when he was
18 appointed as a municipal court judge in 2004, and voters elected him
19 to serve as Bee County judge in 2007; he was reelected to lead
20 county government in 2010 and 2014, becoming the first individual
21 to serve three terms in that post in the county's history; during
22 his time on the commissioners court, he earned the respect and
23 admiration of all who knew him for his efforts in behalf of the
24 people of Bee County; and

1 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan further shared his insight
2 as a valued member of such organizations as the Coastal Bend Council
3 of Government, Bee Development Authority, Bee County Juvenile
4 Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Bee County
5 Historical Commission, among others; and

6 WHEREAS, A man of strong religious beliefs, Mr. Silva studied
7 at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and shared his
8 time and talents as a deacon, youth minister, and senior pastor for
9 a number of churches in the area; he was ordained into the ministry
10 in 2002, and he led the congregation at First Baptist Church in
11 Pettus for several years until his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Silva shared more than four decades of
13 marriage with his wife, Yolanda, and he took great pride in the
14 couple's two daughters, Cassandra and Cristianna; with the passage
15 of time, he also had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to
16 include a beloved granddaughter, Audria; and

17 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, his faith, and his fellow
18 citizens, David Silva made a meaningful difference in the lives of
19 others, and although he is deeply missed, he will long be fondly
20 remembered in the community he so ably served; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable David
23 T. Silva and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
24 to his wife of 44 years, Yolanda Silva; to his daughters and their
25 spouses, Cassandra Silva and her husband, Casey Hawkins, and
26 Cristianna Meineke and her husband, Aaron; to his granddaughter,
27 Audria Silva; to his siblings, John Silva, Amado Silva and his wife,

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1 Zenaida, and Grace Ramirez and her husband, Adolfo; and to his many
2 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge David
6 T. Silva.