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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life came to a close with the
2 passing of Noe G. Contreras of Corpus Christi on April 17, 2015, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Noe Contreras was born to Donaciano and Maria Del
5 Refugio Gonzalez Contreras in Riviera on October 22, 1925, and he
6 grew up in Chapman Ranch as one of 10 siblings; and

7 WHEREAS, Coming of age during World War II, Mr. Contreras
8 possessed the courage and initiative that defined the Greatest
9 Generation; he started basic training at 17 years old at Ft.
10 McClellan in Alabama and went on to attend advanced infantry
11 training at Ft. Benning in Georgia; fighting bravely on the Western
12 Front as a member of the 75th Infantry Division, he was wounded
13 during the Battle of the Bulge and was eventually discharged at Fort
14 Sam Houston in 1946; and

15 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding valor, he received
16 the Combat Infantryman Badge, three Purple Hearts, the
17 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Good
18 Conduct Medal; he was an at-large member of the Department of Texas
19 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a lifetime member of Disabled American
20 Veterans in Corpus Christi; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Contreras moved to the Molina neighborhood in
22 Corpus Christi in 1955; there, he enjoyed a rewarding family life
23 with his wife, Alicia, and his three children, Rolando, Hope, and
24 Esmeralda; with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his

1 family grow to include 6 grandchildren, Sue, Ali, Angela, Andrea,
2 Eric, and Olympia, as well as 14 great-grandchildren and a
3 great-great-grandchild; and

4 WHEREAS, A distinguished veteran and a devoted family man,
5 Noe Contreras touched many lives during his journey on this earth,
6 and those who shared in his warmth and affection will long hold him
7 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Noe G. Contreras and
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
11 Alicia R. Contreras; to his son, Rolando Contreras, and his wife,
12 Karen; to his daughters, Esperanza "Hope" Contreras and Esmeralda
13 Barrientes and her husband, Manuel; to his grandchildren, Sue Ocuto
14 and her husband, Jim, Ali Rengifo and her husband, Miguel, Angela
15 and Andrea De La Garza, Eric De La Garza and his wife, Violet, and
16 Olympia Garcia and her husband, Mike; to his 14 great-grandchildren
17 and his great-great-grandchild; to his brothers, Ruben Contreras
18 and his wife, Irene, and Juan Contreras and his wife, Corina; and to
19 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Noe
23 G. Contreras.