

By: Guerra

H.R. No. 3024

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A respected member of the Texas legislative  
2 community was lost with the death of Nelson Reyes Salinas,  
3 governmental affairs manager for the Texas Association of Business,  
4 on April 29, 2015, at the age of 37; and

5           WHEREAS, Nelson Salinas was born in South Texas on October 1,  
6 1977, and he grew up in Sharyland and graduated from high school in  
7 1996; he attended South Texas Community College and The University  
8 of Texas--Pan American, where he earned a bachelor's degree in  
9 political science; he put himself through school by working on oil  
10 rigs and construction sites, and he went on to work for three years  
11 with the migrant program at McAllen Independent School District and  
12 for one year as a substitute teacher at La Joya ISD; and

13           WHEREAS, An abiding interest in politics brought Mr. Salinas  
14 to Austin and to the early voting section of the Travis County Clerk  
15 Elections Division, where he trained poll workers and managed the  
16 day-to-day operations of the office; and

17           WHEREAS, Before beginning his employment with TAB, he had a  
18 notable tenure as a legislative aide; he worked for State  
19 Representative Dora Olivo and managed a highly successful  
20 reelection campaign for her; he later served as legislative  
21 director for State Representative Roberto Gutierrez for several  
22 sessions before returning to South Texas to manage the winning  
23 reelection campaign of State District Judge Ed Aparacio; he  
24 returned to the legislature as the chief of staff for State

1 Representative Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, he was a strong  
3 advocate for quality education for all students in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Nelson Salinas was well-known around the State  
5 Capitol as a supportive mentor to younger staffers and as a warm and  
6 kind-hearted friend, always ready with a smile and good advice;  
7 although he was taken much too soon, he leaves behind a legacy that  
8 will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Nelson Reyes Salinas  
12 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
13 mother, Maria G. Salinas; to his siblings, Melibea Salinas, Argelio  
14 Salinas, and Vianney Salinas Paredes; to his nieces and nephews,  
15 Veronica Rae Guzman, Jacob Guzman, Donovan Gamez, Danyela Gamez,  
16 Allana Paredes, Diego Hipolito, and Dominick Gamez; and to his  
17 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nelson  
21 Reyes Salinas.