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H.R. No. 3379

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 Sharyland High
7 School in 1996; he attended South Texas Community College and The
8 University of Texas--Pan American, where he earned a bachelor's
9 degree in political science; he put himself through school by
10 working on oil rigs and construction sites, and he went on to work
11 for three years with the migrant program at McAllen Independent
12 School District and for one year as a substitute teacher at La Joya
13 ISD; and

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

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

1 returned to the legislature as the chief of staff for State
2 Representative Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles; and

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

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

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

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