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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed musician and educator drew  
2 to a close with the passing of Edward G. Olivares of Corpus Christi  
3 on June 21, 2017, at the age of 86; and

4           WHEREAS, Eddie Olivares was born to Audelio and Susana  
5 Olivares on February 28, 1931, in Mercedes, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of six siblings; his brother gave him his first  
7 trumpet when he was 12, and by the age of 14 he was playing in dance  
8 bands; a 1949 graduate of Corpus Christi High School, Mr. Olivares  
9 continued his education at Del Mar College, earning an associate  
10 degree in 1952; he then served for two years in the U.S. Army, where  
11 he played in the band and the jazz orchestra; and

12           WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Olivares  
13 earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music at The University of  
14 Texas at Austin; he began his career in education at Lamar Junior  
15 High School in Laredo; seeking more opportunities to play live  
16 music, he moved back to Corpus Christi, accepting a teaching  
17 position at Sundeen Junior High; in 1967, he became band director at  
18 Moody High School, a post he held until 1975, and over the  
19 succeeding years, he worked as a counselor at Carroll High, King  
20 High, and Del Mar College before retiring in 1995; he also directed  
21 the Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi jazz ensemble from 2002 to  
22 2007; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Olivares gave generously of his time and talents  
24 to a number of music organizations, including the American

1 Federation of Musicians Local 644 and the Corpus Christi Symphony  
2 Orchestra, Municipal Band, and Arts Council; moreover, he helped  
3 found the Texas Jazz Festival, served as choir director at Christ  
4 the King Church and St. Patrick Church, and started the jazz mass at  
5 Holy Cross Church; in recognition of his many accomplishments, he  
6 was inducted into the Texas Music Educators Association Region XIV  
7 Band Directors Hall of Fame and the Water Street Market South Texas  
8 Music Walk of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Olivares enjoyed the love  
10 and support of his wife, Emilie; he was the proud father of four  
11 children, Edward, Paul, Mary, and Michael, and he also treasured  
12 the time he spent with his grandson, David; and

13 WHEREAS, Although he is greatly missed, Eddie Olivares has  
14 left his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he  
15 will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
18 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
19 of Edward G. Olivares and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved  
20 ones and many friends; and, be it further

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