

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 95th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and World War II veteran Julio Sosa of Laredo
3 is reaching that impressive milestone on August 8, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Julio Sosa was born in Laredo in 1922, one of the six
5 children of Julio and Ramoncita Sosa; answering his nation's call
6 to duty, he served in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, After helping to liberate the Philippines from the
9 Japanese army, Mr. Sosa was assigned to the American forces
10 occupying Japan, following its surrender on September 2, 1945; and

11 WHEREAS, This brave American was among the first U.S. troops
12 to land in Yokohama, Japan, and he later served in Tokyo, as that
13 country began its transition to democratic governance; and

14 WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge and return to
15 civilian life, Julio Sosa spent many years with the railroads,
16 serving as a switchman and brakeman for the Texas Mexican Railway
17 and as a train master for the Missouri Pacific Railway; and

18 WHEREAS, Married in 1944, Mr. Sosa and his wife, Clementina,
19 were the proud parents of four children, Joe Sosa, Greg Sosa,
20 Dr. Rosalinda Sosa Bonilla, and Henry Sosa; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the course of nine and a half decades, Julio
22 Sosa has courageously served his nation in a time of war, enjoyed a
23 long and successful career as a railwayman, and raised four
24 exceptional children, and as he celebrates this special day, he is

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1 blessed with the admiration and affection of his family and many
2 friends; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Julio Sosa on
5 his 95th birthday, commend him for his military service, and extend
6 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Sosa as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 217 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House