By: Uresti

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, United States Army veteran Margarito Peña of
Pleasanton rendered outstanding service to his country during World
War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, A native of Poteet, Mr. Peña enlisted in the army in 1943 and was soon deployed to England for combat training; he subsequently joined the 23rd Infantry Regiment, G Company, which fought across the European theater, including in France, Belgium, and Germany; just a few years later, he again answered his nation's call to arms by serving in the Korean War; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman received numerous military 11 awards during his tours of duty, including two Purple Hearts for 12 injuries sustained in combat, as well as a Bronze Star; later in 13 life, he was invited to visit the World War II Memorial in 14 Washington, D.C., by the Alamo Honor Flight program, which is 15 dedicated to recognizing the sacrifice, courage, and loyalty of 16 American veterans; and

WHEREAS, Margarito Peña exemplifies the valor and resilience of that proud generation of Americans who stepped forward to defend their country during some of its darkest hours, and he has indeed earned the lasting gratitude of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby honor Margarito Peña for his exemplary military service during World War II and the Korean War and extend to him profound

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1 appreciation for his selfless and steadfast efforts; and, be it 2 further

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3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 4 prepared for Mr. Peña as an expression of high regard by the Texas 5 House of Representatives and Senate.