

By: Guerra

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Enrique E. Guerra was posthumously inducted into the
2 Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage
3 Museum in Oklahoma City on April 15, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, A 12th-generation Texan, Enrique Guerra was born in
5 McAllen in 1929 and attended St. Edward's Military Academy and
6 St. Edward's University; he worked as a farmer and rancher in
7 Mexico for nearly four decades before moving to his ancestral
8 property, San Vicente Ranch, near Linn; though he owned many
9 different types of registered stock cattle, the Texas Longhorn was
10 his favorite, and he was instrumental in reintroducing the original
11 Spanish-blooded longhorn into the Wichita Mountains Wildlife
12 Refuge in the 1950s; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra gave generously of his time and energies
14 as president of the Texas Gun Collectors Association, the
15 Cattlemen's Texas Longhorn Registry, and the Cattlemen's Texas
16 Longhorn Conservancy; he also served as chair of the advisory board
17 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and shared his vast
18 expertise with the board of the Tejano Monument as an advisor; an
19 enthusiastic collector of Spanish and Mexican colonial art and
20 artifacts and an avid reader of historical books and documents, he
21 contributed and loaned pieces to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and
22 Museum, the Institute of Texan Cultures, the Bob Bullock Texas
23 State History Museum, the Museum of South Texas History, which he
24 also served as an advisory board member, and the Briscoe Western Art

1 Museum, which named him an honorary lifetime director; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding efforts, this
3 esteemed cattleman was presented with the 2014 Bixby-Sponenberg
4 Breed Conservation Award by the American Livestock Breeds
5 Conservancy, a citation of outstanding achievement in historic
6 preservation by the Texas Historical Foundation, and a Linn-San
7 Manuel Pride of the Community Award, among numerous other
8 accolades; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra was supported in all his endeavors by his
10 wife of 64 years, Lydia Lopez Negrete de Guerra; he was further
11 blessed with a fine family that included six children, Lydia,
12 Judith, Regina, Enrique, Jose Manuel, and Juan Carlos, as well as 12
13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; he passed away on March
14 16, 2016, at the age of 86; and

15 WHEREAS, Enrique Guerra lived a life in the tradition of a
16 true cowboy, greatly benefiting the Texas cattle industry while
17 also helping to preserve the rich heritage of the Lone Star State;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the induction of Enrique E. Guerra
21 into the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Hall of Great
22 Westerners and pay homage to his life and his many contributions to
23 the Lone Star State; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.