R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Henry "Pepsi" Peña, a beloved stalwart of the San

2 Antonio music scene, marked his 70th birthday on April 25, 2017; and

3   WHEREAS, The son of Enrique and Elva Peña, Henry Peña was born

4 in Kingsville in 1947; he started a band, Henry and the Kasuals,

5 when he was a sophomore at South San Antonio High School, and the

6 following year, KUKA Radio hired him as a disc jockey for the *Top*

7 *Teen Tunes* show; following graduation, he married his high school

8 sweetheart, Brenda, and they became the parents of three treasured

9 children, Derek, Amanda, and Dion; with the passing years, his

10 family has grown to include five grandchildren; and

11   WHEREAS, Mr. Peña worked full-time for KUKA, adding a morning

12 drive program and ad sales to his responsibilities; he also played

13 in the Patio Andaluz and other clubs with his band and emceed dances

14 at the convention center and the municipal auditorium; from 1967 to

15 1968, he served in the United States Air Force; he subsequently

16 hosted an *American Bandstand*-style program, *The Pepsi Peña Show*, on

17 television station KWEX, as well as a TV talk show, *Henry Peña y las*

18 *Estrellas*, for the Houston market; and

19   WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Peña pursued a second career in real

20 estate, and he established his own company, Henry Peña Realtors; to

21 the delight of his fans, he eventually found his way back to the

22 music business, emceeing a Patio Andaluz reunion in 2010; five

23 years later, he returned to radio as host of the *San Antonio Oldies*

24 radio show on KEDA, which is also syndicated to 11 other stations;

1 he has produced two more Patio Andaluz reunions at the Tobin Center

2 to showcase local bands and highlight San Antonio music of

3 the '50s, '60s, and early '70s, and he has booked concerts by such

4 national artists as Jimmy Charles and Archie Bell; in 2016, he was

5 inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Pepsi Peña has enriched the lives of innumerable

7 people by sharing his love and deep knowledge of the classic

8 Westside Sound, and it is a pleasure to join his loved ones and his

9 many admirers in honoring him as he celebrates this milestone in his

10 life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

12 Legislature hereby congratulate Henry "Pepsi" Peña on his 70th

13 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued

14 success and happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

16 prepared for Mr. Peña as an expression of high regard by the Texas

17 House of Representatives.

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Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
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Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1504 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House