

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Raymondville lost one of its most admired civic  
2 leaders with the untimely passing of former mayor Orlando A. Correa  
3 on April 16, 2017, at the age of 54; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Octavio and Alicia Correa, "Lonnie"  
5 Correa was born in Raymondville on May 22, 1962, and grew up with  
6 the companionship of four siblings, Adrian, Omar, Dodie, and Liz;  
7 he graduated from Raymondville High School in 1980 and went on to  
8 earn master's degrees in counseling and school administration from  
9 Texas A&M University--Kingsville; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Correa enjoyed a rewarding career in education  
11 that spanned nearly a quarter century and encompassed work as a  
12 teacher, counselor, principal, and superintendent; he later  
13 entered local politics by becoming a member of the Raymondville  
14 City Commission in May 1999; elected mayor in 2006, he played an  
15 important role in efforts involving municipal infrastructure,  
16 disaster recovery, police and fire facilities, and Raymondville  
17 Veterans' Park, among others, over the course of his nine-year  
18 tenure; and

19           WHEREAS, This notable Texan further benefited his community  
20 through his service as president of the Raymondville Economic  
21 Development Corporation and his involvement with the Raymondville  
22 Chamber of Commerce, the Willacy County Historical Museum, the  
23 Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, and the Willacy County  
24 Emergency Operations Center; moreover, he was a longtime member of

1 the Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department and the local Lions Club  
2 and a valued parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Correa was blessed with  
5 the love and support of his wife, the former Cristina Moreno, with  
6 whom he shared nearly three decades of marriage; and

7 WHEREAS, Lonnie Correa made a positive difference in his  
8 community through his vision, leadership, and selfless commitment  
9 to the well-being of others, and his contributions to Raymondville  
10 will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Orlando A. Correa and  
13 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
14 wife, Cristina Correa; to his siblings, Adrian Correa and his wife,  
15 Sallie, Omar Correa and his wife, Hilda, Dodie de la Fuente and her  
16 husband, Oscar, and Liz Shamlian and her husband, Steve; to his  
17 sisters-in-law, Blanca Rivera and her husband, Jaime, Judy  
18 Gutierrez and her husband, Oscar, and Josie Moreno; and to his many  
19 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2700

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2700 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House