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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.