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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Abel Alonzo of Corpus Christi on October  
3 14, 2017, at the age of 70; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Jesse Alonzo Sr. and Valentina Mosqueda,  
5 Abel Alonzo was born in Corpus Christi on May 30, 1947, and he grew  
6 up with three brothers, Rey, Jesse, and Pete, and three sisters,  
7 Mary Elena, Rafaela, and Victoria; and

8           WHEREAS, When a gang-related shooting left Mr. Alonzo  
9 paralyzed at the age of 17, he responded to the challenge with  
10 courage, compassion, and resolve, becoming a tireless advocate for  
11 people with disabilities and vulnerable youth; he earned a degree  
12 in mental health from Del Mar College and a bachelor's degree in  
13 sociology from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; subsequently,  
14 he pursued postgraduate studies and completed Dale Carnegie  
15 Training and a training program in American Disability Act Access  
16 Awareness and Advocacy; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Alonzo established the I Believe in Me  
18 Foundation in 2012 to educate young people about the dangers of  
19 drugs and gang violence and to provide college scholarships to  
20 at-risk high school seniors; he served on the boards of Mental  
21 Health and Mental Retardation of Nueces County, the Corpus Christi  
22 Regional Transportation Authority, and Accessible Communities, and  
23 he was also involved in such organizations as the Optimist Club, the  
24 Westside Business Association, the American GI Forum Council No. 1

1 Founder's Chapter, and LULAC Council No. 1; in addition, he was an  
2 active member of Nueva Esperanza Iglesia Cristiana; and

3 WHEREAS, Abel Alonzo gave freely of his time and expertise to  
4 improve the lives of others, and he remains a source of tremendous  
5 inspiration to those who were privileged enough to know him; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Abel Alonzo and  
9 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Abel  
14 Alonzo.