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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A life dedicated to public service drew to a close with the death of former Brooks County Sheriff Ruben M. Longoria on April 9, 2020, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Longoria was born in Falfurrias in 1934 to Maximiliano and Celia Longoria, and he grew up with two brothers, Robert and Rey; he shared 47 rewarding years of marriage with his wife, Mary, and he was the proud father of eight children, Rudy, Linda, Ruben, Ricky, John, Joseph, Robert, and Max; later in life, he was pleased to welcome into his family 33 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Mr. Longoria embarked on a remarkable career in law enforcement that spanned more than half a century, starting with the Corpus Christi Police Department; returning to his hometown to be closer to his mother after the death of his father, he joined the Falfurrias Police Department, rising from patrolman to chief of police; in 1993, he was elected as the sheriff of Brooks County, which he considered the pinnacle of his career; following his service as sheriff, he continued to work as a constable until his retirement in 2019; and

WHEREAS, A proud son of Brooks County, Mr. Longoria delighted in drinking coffee and telling stories with his friends in the morning, tending to his animals in the afternoon, and spending time with his family in the evenings; whether he was on duty or off, he made an iconic impression with his polished boots, neatly pressed shirt, and white cowboy hat; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a well-respected peace officer, Ruben Longoria lived a full and generous life, and he leaves behind a legacy of compassion, kindness, and service to others that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ruben M. Longoria and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representative adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben M. Longoria.