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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of John A. Lopez of Mission on July 20, 2020, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mission, Johnny Lopez was born to Fernando and Sila Lopez on October 20, 1954, and he grew up with the companionship of two older brothers; following his graduation from Mission High School in 1972, he continued his education at The University of Texas-Pan American, where he earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez initially worked as a teacher and coach at Brewster School in the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District; in 1978, he transitioned to a career in law enforcement and joined the U.S. Border Patrol, serving at stations in Harlingen, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Mercedes/Weslaco; he retired in 2004 at the rank of patrol agent in charge, after a distinguished tenure of 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Engaged in his community, Mr. Lopez served on the City of Mission Housing Committee and as a board member for the Shary Municipal Golf Course; moreover, he was a candidate for the Mission City Council Place 2 seat at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Lopez benefited from the love and support of his wife, Otila, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more than four decades; he was the proud father of three children, John, Jeannette, and Jaclyn, and he was further blessed with two grandchildren, Joslyn and Khloe; a devoted family man, he coached his children's sports teams when they were young, and he went on to mentor his granddaughters in golf; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed hunting; and

WHEREAS, While his loss is difficult to bear, Johnny Lopez leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far richer for having known him, and he will always hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John A. Lopez and extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

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