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H.R. No. 33

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 shirt, and white cowboy hat; and

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

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

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