RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Dumas lost a beloved coach,

educator, and role model with the untimely passing of Antonio Murga

3 on November 30, 2020, at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 28, 1974, in Juárez, Mexico, to Antonio

5 Murga Sr. and Maria Luisa Murga, Antonio Murga grew up with the

6 companionship of two brothers, Oscar and Pedro; when he was 10 years

7 old, he moved with his family to Dumas, and during his time as a

8 student at Dumas High School, he distinguished himself as a member

9 of the wrestling and football teams; following his graduation in

10 1993, he continued his studies and his football career at

11 Northwestern Oklahoma State University, earning a teaching degree;

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WHEREAS, Exhibiting an impeccable work ethic, Mr. Murga

14 coached football for a total of 22 years, helping to guide teams in

15 Oklahoma, Amarillo, Pampa, and Borger before joining the faculty of

16 his Dumas High alma mater; he served as an offensive line coach with

17 the Demons football team and also as a wrestling coach and teacher

18 at the school; always striving to impart life lessons and strong

19 values, he relished the opportunity to make a positive difference

20 in the lives of students; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Murga's dedication to his players knew no

22 bounds; during his battle with cancer, he demonstrated tremendous

23 courage and resolve, and he remained committed to coaching and

24 being present for his team even while he was undergoing treatment;

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- 1 his resilience and determination became a source of inspiration to
- 2 countless people, and his family has received an outpouring of
- 3 prayers and support from the Dumas community and beyond, testifying
- 4 to the influential role that Coach Murga continues to play in the
- 5 lives of others; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Murga was blessed
- 7 with the love and support of his wife, Alma, and he took immense
- 8 pride in his sons, Andrew and Aaron; he counted fishing among his
- 9 pastimes, but his greatest joy was cheering on his sons in their own
- 10 athletic endeavors; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Coach Murga was a valued member of the Sunray Church
- 12 of Christ, and he lived his life as a servant to God, inspiring
- 13 those around him to do the same; despite the trials he endured, his
- 14 life serves as a model that, above all else, illustrates an
- 15 unwavering faith in God's plan; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Certain individuals leave their unmistakable mark
- 17 on the world as they move through it, and Antonio Murga's
- 18 contributions to his community will long resonate in the lives of
- 19 all who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Antonio Murga and
- 22 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
- 23 Alma Murga; to his sons, Andrew and Aaron Murga; to his father,
- 24 Antonio Murga Sr.; to his brothers, Oscar Murga and his wife, Lacey,
- 25 and Pedro Murga and his wife, Brandi; and to his other relatives and
- 26 many friends; and, be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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- 1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Antonio
- 3 Murga.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1782 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House