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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The residents of Dumas lost a beloved coach,  
2 educator, and role model with the untimely passing of Antonio Murga  
3 on November 30, 2020, at the age of 46; and

4           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;  
12 and

13           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;

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.