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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rene J. Gonzalez of Rio Grande City passed away on
2 May 20, 2008, at the age of 86, leaving his loved ones to reflect on
3 his life of honorable service to his country and community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 13, 1921, on the San Pedro Ranch in
5 Jim Hogg County, Rene Gonzalez was the son of Abelardo and Olivia
6 Hinojosa Gonzalez, and he grew up with the company of his brother,
7 Gilberto, and four cousins, Rebecca, Sonny, Maria, and Rafael;
8 Mr. Gonzalez enlisted in the United States Army during World War II
9 and was assigned to the 56th Evacuation Hospital, a mobile medical
10 unit; he was deployed overseas for more than 30 months, during which
11 time he served at numerous locations in North Africa and Italy;
12 among the awards and decorations he received were the
13 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Bronze
14 Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and five Overseas Bars; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez continued his military career as a
16 member of the United States Army Reserve from 1958 to 1981, and he
17 retired as a first sergeant in the reserves and as a civilian aide
18 in the U.S. Army; in his civilian career, he worked for the Starr
19 Produce Company and for the Community Action Corporation of South
20 Texas; he was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Knights of
21 Columbus, the Woodmen of the World fraternal organization, and Los
22 Mutualistas, holding a number of leadership positions in each
23 organization; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gonzalez enjoyed the

1 support of his loving wife, Tomasita Alaniz Gonzalez; he was
2 blessed with five children, Rene, Maria, Jorge, Olivia, and Sandra,
3 and 11 grandchildren, Aisha, Virginia, Jason, Christina, Rene,
4 Stacy, Victor, Cory, Alexandra, Evan, and John; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a proud veteran, and a pillar
6 of his community, Rene Gonzalez left behind a legacy that will long
7 be treasured by all who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Rene J. Gonzalez; 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 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rene
14 Gonzalez.