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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Leonel M. Saenz of Realitos on July 9, 2020, at the age of
3 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Leonel Saenz was the son of Abdon and Romelia M.
5 Saenz, and he grew up with the companionship of eight siblings,
6 Jesus, Gilberto, Perfecto, Roel, Audon, Hector, Raymundo, and
7 Trinidad; after graduating from Benavides High School in 1955, he
8 answered his nation's call to duty and joined the United States
9 Army; following his active service, he remained a member of the
10 National Guard for several years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz enjoyed a rewarding career with the Texas
12 Department of Transportation that spanned nearly three decades
13 until his retirement in 1993; during that time, he played softball
14 in a league in Hebbronville, and he earned the lifelong nickname of
15 "El Gallo"; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. Saenz married his high school
17 sweetheart, Minnie, and the couple shared a fulfilling union of 60
18 years; he took great pride in their three children, Leonel,
19 Melissa, and Alberto, and with the passing years, he had the
20 pleasure of seeing his family grow to include nine grandchildren
21 and five great-grandchildren; in retirement, he spent most of his
22 time on his ranch, where he enjoyed tending to his cattle, working
23 on projects, and hosting gatherings; he was an avid Dallas Cowboys
24 fan, and he also loved hunting and watching boxing; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Leonel Saenz is greatly missed, memories of
2 his kindness and sunny disposition remain to comfort and inspire
3 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leonel M. Saenz and
6 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leonel
11 Saenz.