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S.R. No. 191

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a beloved television host drew to a close
2 with the passing of Johnny Canales on June 12, 2024, at the age of
3 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Juan José Canales was born on August 23, 1942, in the
5 town of General Treviño in northern Mexico; his family moved to
6 Robstown when he was an infant, and he went on to graduate from
7 Robstown High School and to serve for two and a half years with the
8 U.S. Army Third Infantry Division in Germany; and

9 WHEREAS, At the conclusion of his military duty, Mr. Canales
10 returned to Texas and embarked on his career in media and
11 entertainment; he formed a band, Johnny Canales y Su Orchestra, and
12 joined the staff of a Spanish-language radio station as a deejay; he
13 ultimately set his sights on television, and in 1983, the first
14 episode of *The Johnny Canales Show* debuted on KRIS in Corpus
15 Christi; and

16 WHEREAS, Featuring an eclectic variety format, the bilingual
17 program became especially renowned for its musical guests, who were
18 introduced with Mr. Canales's trademark catchphrase: "You got it,
19 take it away"; through the years, the show featured such well-known
20 acts as La Mafia, La Sombra, Ramon Ayala, and Selena, whose
21 appearance in 1985 when she was still a teenager was one of her
22 first TV performances; initially broadcast locally, *The Johnny*
23 *Canales Show* gained national acclaim after being picked up by
24 Univision; and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Canales enjoyed the love
2 and support of his wife, Nora, who joined him in hosting *El Nuevo*
3 *Show de Johnny y Nora Canales* beginning in 2014; the couple raised
4 two daughters, Nora Seleste Canales and Miroslava Canales; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his talent, charisma, and vision, Johnny
6 Canales became an influential champion of Hispanic culture and
7 earned a special place in the hearts of innumerable people, and his
8 legacy will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby pay tribute to the life of Johnny Canales and extend sincere
12 condolences to his family, to his many friends, and to all who mourn
13 his passing; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
16 day, it do so in memory of Johnny Canales.