

After spending several years of his life in the Marines, Mr. Korczynski became a civilian airline pilot. He flew for a number of different airlines over the years, logging hundreds of hours aloft as he piloted aircraft between six different continents.

In 1990, Captain Korczynski was drawn to again serve his country. He volunteered to serve with the Civil Reserve Air Fleet and was sent to the Persian Gulf. Mr. Korczynski subsequently commanded twenty-five Civil Reserve Air Fleet missions during Operation Desert Storm.

Mr. Korczynski's selfless actions on behalf of this nation make him a true citizen soldier, following in the footsteps of our nation's minutemen. His bravery and self sacrifice have earned him not only my admiration, but the admiration of the American people.

In his later years, Captain Korczynski's passion for flight did not wane. While he was unable to continue flying commercial aircraft after age sixty, Captain Korczynski remained able and active, training future pilots and instilling the knowledge and wisdom earned through his decades of pilot experience.

Captain Erwin Korczynski lived an honorable life, and he contributed much to the com-

mon good. On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to express our thanks for his life of service.

HONORING LARRY GALLA OF K-STAR IN CONROE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with America something very good about America—a true blue American success story in a cowboy hat and boots—my friend, Larry Galla, one of the newest members of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame.

When Larry opens up the microphone, you know magic is about to happen. Not the flashy magic of a Vegas stage show, but the magic of listening to an old friend spin yarns and records without skipping a beat. Larry's magic is in making all of us feel right at home.

But, to many stars in the country music scene, praise from Larry is a different kind of magic. It's the kind of magic that turns ordi-

nary records into gold records and musicians into stars.

Larry Galla has been a staple on the Houston area airwaves for nearly four decades making the leap to Houston—a top 10 radio market.

After spending nearly half his career at KIKR, Larry returned to Conroe and his roots at K-Star where he gets to share the microphone with another Hall of Famer, Mary McCoy.

Conroe has celebrated with a Larry Galla Day, but it's time the rest of the country knew Larry's name as well as some of the great legends of country music do.

From Johnny Cash to Ernest Tubb to George Strait and Billy Currington, when Larry plays their songs, people listen. When Larry interviews an artist, we all learn a lot more about the music Texans love to sing along to, because to Larry, it's the sound music makes over the radiowaves that matters the most and his dedication to the music is second to none.

That's why so many musicians have asked him to take the stage with them over the years. Today, the spotlight is all on Larry.