

By: Herrero

H.R. No. 146

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Robstown lost an esteemed public servant  
2 with the death of Joaquin Villarreal III on May 27, 2020, at the age  
3 of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, Joaquin Villarreal III was born in Robstown on  
5 January 25, 1945, to Joaquin and Maria Magdalena Villarreal, and he  
6 grew up with four sisters and one brother; after graduating from  
7 Robstown High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he  
8 specialized in jet engine mechanics and served a tour of duty in  
9 Vietnam; returning to civilian life, he earned his associate's  
10 degree from Del Mar College, his bachelor's degree in history and  
11 government from The University of Texas at Austin, and his law  
12 degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern  
13 University; and

14           WHEREAS, Over the course of his long career in the public  
15 sector, Judge Villarreal served as assistant district attorney of  
16 Nueces County, as a Nueces County commissioner, and as judge of the  
17 County Court at Law 3, before retiring as judge of the 347th  
18 District Court in 2000; in retirement, he continued to serve as  
19 local presiding judge of the Nueces County Juvenile Board and as  
20 visiting judge of the 5th Administrative Judicial Region until  
21 2014; and

22           WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Judge Villarreal was  
23 active with CASA, Scouts BSA, and the Chicano Law Students; he also  
24 generously supported such organizations as the Robstown Volunteer

1 Fire Department, the Women's Shelter of South Texas, and the Food  
2 Bank of Corpus Christi, among many others; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Villarreal enjoyed the  
4 love and support of his wife, Yolanda Villarreal, with whom he  
5 shared 56 years; he was the proud father of a son, Mario Javier  
6 Villarreal, who preceded him in death; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,  
8 Joaquin Villarreal III made a meaningful difference in the lives of  
9 his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions  
10 will be remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
13 of Joaquin Villarreal III and extend heartfelt sympathy to his  
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joaquin  
18 Villarreal III.