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H.R. No. 189

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Ralph T. Cloud of El Paso on August 17, 2021, at the age
3 of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph Cloud was born on November 22, 1937, to Ralph
5 Isaac Cloud and Guadalupe Telles, and he grew up in El Paso with the
6 companionship of four siblings, Roy, Frances, Katherine, and Olga;
7 after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, he served in
8 the National Guard for eight years; and

9 WHEREAS, In civilian life, Mr. Cloud held a variety of jobs,
10 including working as a janitor at Zavala Elementary School, an
11 auto-glass repairman, an apprentice at BIC Electric, and a
12 deliveryman at Farmers Dairies; he went on to a career with Southern
13 Pacific Railroad, remaining with the company after it merged with
14 Union Pacific; and

15 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Mr. Cloud was
16 president of the Yucca Neighborhood Association, which he founded
17 in 2007; he further distinguished himself by hosting various
18 events, such as fundraisers and holiday food giveaways, and by
19 leading area Boy Scout troops; he also coached boys and girls Little
20 League teams for several years, and he played an instrumental role
21 in establishing a booster club at Hillcrest Middle School to
22 purchase athletic equipment for students; moreover, he was an avid
23 supporter of the Judge Edward S. Marquez Library, and he advocated
24 for the development of E. L. Williams Park; and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cloud benefited from the
2 love and support of his wife, Romelia, with whom he shared a
3 fulfilling marriage that spanned more than six decades; the couple
4 were blessed with 6 children, Edward, Ralph, Curtis, Brian, Sandra,
5 and Martin, and with the passing years, they had the pleasure of
6 welcoming into their family 13 grandchildren and 6
7 great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Ralph Cloud
9 will remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth and
10 generosity, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their
11 hearts; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
14 of Ralph T. Cloud and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his
15 passing; and, be it further

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