By: Guillen H.R. No. 293

## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Duval County lost an esteemed leader
- 2 with the death of the Honorable Gilbert N. Saenz on October 16,
- 3 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Gilbert Saenz graduated from The University of Texas
- 5 School of Law in 2002, and he worked as a licensed criminal defense
- 6 and personal injury lawyer in Freer for 19 years; he was elected
- 7 Duval County judge in 2018, and his many responsibilities included
- 8 overseeing the commissioners court, participating in the county
- 9 election board, and maintaining the county's expenditures; and
- 10 WHEREAS, A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, Judge Saenz was
- 11 actively involved in VFW Post No. 8931 in San Diego, Texas; in
- 12 addition, he was a lifetime member of America's Last Patrol Ranch;
- 13 and
- WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Saenz enjoyed the love
- 15 and support of his wife, Savannah Smith, and he took great pride in
- 16 his two daughters, Ariza Talip Saenz and Braylynn Lewis Saenz; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Gilbert Saenz earned the respect and admiration of
- 18 innumerable people over the course of his career in public service,
- 19 and his contributions to Duval County will be remembered for years
- 20 to come; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 23 of Judge Gilbert N. Saenz and extend heartfelt sympathy to his many
- 24 friends and loved ones; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gilbert
- 4 Saenz.