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H.R. No. 249

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Alfredo Valles of El Paso on February
2 12, 2021, at the age of 60, has deeply saddened his family, his
3 friends, and the many students whose lives he touched over the
4 course of his career as an educator; and

5 WHEREAS, Alfredo Valles, who was affectionately known as
6 "Freddy," was born in El Paso on July 28, 1960, to Filiberta and
7 Eulalio Valles; he grew up with the companionship of six siblings,
8 Romie, Annie, Sylvia, Richard, Sandy, and Irene; from the time he
9 was a small child, he began showing an interest in music, and he
10 went on to learn to play the trumpet; after graduating from
11 Jefferson High School in 1978, he set his sights on a career as a
12 music teacher, leading him to earn a degree in music education from
13 West Texas State University in 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, At age 21, Mr. Valles took his first job as band
15 director at Andress High School, becoming the youngest person ever
16 hired to the position; over the course of 39 years with the El Paso
17 Independent School District, he worked primarily in El Paso's
18 Segundo Barrio neighborhood at Guillen Middle School and Bowie High
19 School; he was passionate about his role as an educator, and he took
20 immense interest in not only teaching his students how to read music
21 and play instruments, but also instilling in them confidence,
22 discipline, and other important values; the fulfillment he found in
23 his work led him to forgo retirement for years to continue serving
24 area youth; and

1 WHEREAS, Outside of schools and classrooms, Mr. Valles
2 expressed his musical talents as a member of nearly a dozen bands;
3 he most recently played gigs with the Starliners, and he was known
4 to perform with his band at many large family gatherings; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Valles cherished his circle of loved ones above
6 all else; he married the love of his life, Elvira, in 1988, and the
7 couple devotedly raised three treasured children, Katherine,
8 Alfred Anthony, and Nicholas; Mr. Valles was overjoyed to welcome
9 into the family three grandchildren, Trinity, AJ, and Aliq, and he
10 always supported and encouraged his children, grandchildren,
11 nieces, and nephews in all their endeavors; and

12 WHEREAS, Freddy Valles made a profound and lasting impression
13 on the hearts of many people, and although he is deeply missed, he
14 will forever be remembered with admiration and affection; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute the memory of Alfredo Valles and
18 extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Freddy
23 Valles.