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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life has drawn to a close with
2 the passing of Gerardo J. Gamez of El Paso on February 6, 2021, at
3 the age of 55; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Fernando and Ethel Gamez, Gerald Gamez
5 was born on March 29, 1965, in Ankara, Turkey; he grew up with the
6 companionship of three siblings, Isabel, Patty, and Fernando, and
7 in 1983, he graduated from J. M. Hanks High School in El Paso; three
8 years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and he was honorably
9 discharged in 1990; he went on to earn master's degrees in guidance
10 and counseling and in educational administration from The
11 University of Texas at El Paso; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gamez worked as a special education teacher in
13 San Elizario and later as a counselor at J. M. Hanks and El Paso High
14 Schools; subsequently, he served as assistant principal at Eastwood
15 and Del Valle High Schools; in 2019, after retiring from the Ysleta
16 Independent School District, he joined the administration of
17 Cathedral High School as assistant principal; and

18 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Mr. Gamez was
19 involved in Cub Scouts, Special Olympics, and the Sigma Alpha
20 Epsilon Fraternity; moreover, he was a devoted member of the
21 Catholic Church, and he participated in his local ACTS Missions
22 chapter; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gamez benefited from the
24 love and support of his wife of 32 years, Maria Teresa Gamez; he was

1 the proud father of three children, Brittany, Krystal, and Michael,
2 and he was further blessed with a granddaughter, Juliet; in his
3 leisure time, he enjoyed cheering on the Dallas Cowboys; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
5 work as an educator, Gerald Gamez earned the lasting respect and
6 admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gerardo J. Gamez and
10 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gerald
15 Gamez.