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H.R. No. 487

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Charles Ponzio Jr. of Austin, who died on July 16, 2020,  
3 at the age of 67; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Charlie Ponzio was born on March  
5 9, 1953, to Margarita Perez and Carlos Ponzio, and he grew up in  
6 Silver City, New Mexico, with six siblings; the family eventually  
7 returned to El Paso, and after graduating from Ysleta High School,  
8 Mr. Ponzio embarked on a successful career in commercial real  
9 estate; he held a number of national commercial real estate  
10 management and brokerage certifications, and he was president of  
11 the El Paso chapter of CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment  
12 Member) in both 1987 and 1993; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Ponzio expended much of his time and energy in  
14 behalf of his community; he served as president of the Downtown  
15 Sertoma Club, helped establish the White Collar Industry Task  
16 Force, and became founding president of the El Paso Hispanic  
17 Chamber of Commerce in 1990; he also served on the El Paso Plan  
18 Commission under three different mayors, chaired the Hispanic  
19 Leadership Institute and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education  
20 Foundation, and ran for Congress in 1992; after moving to Austin in  
21 1997, he worked to support the residents of the Dove Springs  
22 neighborhood; and

23           WHEREAS, Devoted to his children and his grandchildren,  
24 Mr. Ponzio delighted in sharing his life and interests with them;

1 he took great pleasure in fine dining, salsa dancing, critiquing  
2 movies, storytelling, and experiencing new music; and

3 WHEREAS, Blessed with a lively curiosity and keen intellect,  
4 Charlie Ponzio never stopped learning and evolving, and he leaves  
5 behind a legacy of hard work, service to others, and *joie de vivre*  
6 that will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Ponzio Jr.  
10 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
11 children, Sunday, Eric, Carlo, Maria, Audrey, and Joseph; to his  
12 grandchildren, Aidan, Ezra, Mia, Dante, and Joshua; to his ex-wife,  
13 Deborah; to his siblings, Joel, Sam, Bruce, Carla, Laura, and  
14 Marissa; and to his other 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 Charles  
18 Ponzio Jr.