

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 512

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort  
2 those saddened by the death of Jose Martinez Jr. of Weslaco, who  
3 passed away on January 19, 2021, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jose Martinez Sr. and Maria Diaz  
5 Martinez, Jose Martinez was born on June 5, 1947, in San Luis  
6 Potosí, Mexico, and he grew up in Weslaco with five siblings,  
7 Dolores, Janie, Ezequiel, Pete, and Rachel; after graduating from  
8 Weslaco High School, he answered his nation's call to duty by  
9 serving in the U.S. Army for two years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez enjoyed a rewarding career as a  
11 firefighter with the Weslaco Fire Department, where he rose to the  
12 rank of lieutenant before his retirement in 1988; he also served his  
13 community as a paramedic for 16 years, and he was a member of the  
14 National Guard for nearly two decades; and

15 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Martinez benefited from  
16 the love and support of his wife and high school sweetheart, the  
17 former Irma Rico, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage that  
18 spanned more than a half century; he took great pride in his  
19 children, Christina, Cindy, Lori Ann, Jose, Michael, and Eric, and  
20 with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family  
21 grow to include 11 grandchildren, Ryan, Michael, Kaitlyn, Nate,  
22 Tristan, Zoey, Joseph, Curtis, Brittany, Pamela, and Ashley;  
23 sustained by a strong faith, he was a devout Catholic; in his  
24 leisure time, he delighted in cheering on the Dallas Cowboys and the

1 Weslaco East High School Wildcats; and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and proud military veteran,  
3 Jose Martinez lived a rich and purposeful life, and he will forever  
4 be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jose Martinez Jr.  
8 and extend sincere condolences to his many relatives and friends;  
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jose  
13 Martinez Jr.