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H.R. No. 642

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed community leader drew to a
2 close with the passing of former Benbrook City Council member
3 Ronald Joseph Sauma on August 5, 2020, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Ron Sauma was born on
5 August 2, 1937, to Rudolpho and Marguerite Sauma; he served his
6 country proudly as a member of the United States Navy during the
7 Korean War, and he was stationed aboard the destroyer USS *Johnston*
8 as a radarman; after returning stateside, he wed the love of his
9 life, Marie Moore, in 1962, beginning a marriage that would span
10 nearly six decades; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sauma worked as a brewery warehouse supervisor
12 for the Miller Brewing Company, beginning his career in New York
13 before relocating to Texas; following his retirement after 40 years
14 with the company, he became an active and engaged member of the
15 Benbrook community and enjoyed volunteering for such groups as
16 4PAWS, the Benbrook Lions Club, and the Benbrook Citizens on
17 Patrol, as well as at the local Veterans Administration Outpatient
18 Clinic and at the Cardiac Rehab Center at Texas Health Harris
19 Methodist Hospital Fort Worth; he was a recipient of the
20 President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of his more than
21 12,000 hours of volunteer work; and

22 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2019, Mr. Sauma greatly benefited his
23 fellow citizens as the Place 7 representative on the Benbrook City
24 Council; over the course of his tenure, Benbrook was honored with

1 multiple Voice of the People awards, which are given to communities
2 with the highest rated municipal services in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Sauma treasured his family; he
4 was the devoted father of two children, Donna and George, and he was
5 further blessed with two grandchildren, Anthony and Madelyn, who
6 were his pride and joy; when not at work, he enjoyed taking cruises
7 to the Caribbean with his wife, watching westerns, trying his luck
8 at casinos, and cheering on his granddaughter at her dance
9 competitions; and

10 WHEREAS, Ron Sauma was a pillar of his community, a loving
11 family man, and a dear friend to many, and the generosity and
12 integrity with which he lived his life will forever inspire all who
13 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ronald Joseph Sauma
16 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
17 wife, Marie Sauma; to his children, Donna Sauma and her husband,
18 Brian, and George Sauma; to his grandchildren, Anthony Sauma and
19 Madelyn Hayden; to his sister, Darlene Kalil; and to his other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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