

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Uvalde bid farewell to a local sports
2 legend with the passing of former world boxing champion Oscar
3 Albarado on February 17, 2021, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Juan Albarado and Julia Canales Albarado,
5 Oscar Albarado was born in Pecos on September 15, 1948, and grew up
6 in Uvalde with four siblings, Guadalupe, Evaristo, Juan, and
7 Domingo; he distinguished himself as a member of the Uvalde Boxing
8 Club, winning three Golden Gloves titles, and began his
9 professional career by tallying 20 straight victories in Texas and
10 surrounding areas between 1966 and 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Albarado then joined forces with manager Harry
12 Kabakof, who nicknamed the boxer "Shotgun" for the punishing blows
13 he dealt opponents with either hand; relocating to California, he
14 fought 10 bouts in 1969 and quickly became a crowd favorite at
15 Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles; in April of that year, he matched
16 up with Hedgemon Lewis; though he was not victorious, his
17 outstanding performance earned him recognition as one of the top
18 contenders in his weight class; and

19 WHEREAS, A series of victories, including triumphs against
20 Eddie Mazon in 1973 and 1974, earned Mr. Albarado a title shot
21 against junior middleweight champion Koichi Wajima on June 4, 1974;
22 in an epic match held in Tokyo, the 25-year old Texan knocked out
23 Wajima in the 15th round and was crowned the unified WBA/WBC Junior
24 Middleweight Champion of the World; upon returning to Uvalde a few

1 weeks later, he was given a hero's welcome, and the mayor declared
2 June 20, 1974, as Oscar Albarado Day; he held the world title for
3 230 days, successfully defending it against Ryu Sorimachi before
4 relinquishing the title to Mr. Wajima in a rematch via a decision in
5 January 1975; he retired following the bout, and after staging a
6 brief comeback beginning in 1980, the fighter hung up his gloves for
7 good the following year; he ended his storied 72-fight career with a
8 record of 58-13-1 and 43 knockouts; his achievements were formally
9 honored on October 15, 2017, when he was inducted into the West
10 Coast Boxing Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Albarado took great pride in his four children,
12 Oscar Jr., Angela, Emmanuel, and Jacob; with the passing years, his
13 family grew to include his son-in-law, Eric, his daughters-in-law,
14 Irma, Elizabeth, and Patricia, and his 13 grandchildren, Marc,
15 Kimberly, Katie, Samantha, Alyssa, Alexis, Alayna, Evangeline,
16 Emmanuel Elijah, Emiliana, Jacob Zachary, Jordan, and Jayda; and

17 WHEREAS, Shotgun Albarado proved himself as a boxer of
18 exceptional ability and unrelenting determination, and his
19 brilliance in the ring will continue to be fondly remembered across
20 the Lone Star State and beyond for many years to come; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Oscar "Shotgun"
24 Albarado and extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends;
25 and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

H.R. No. 699

1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Oscar
2 Albarado.

King of Uvalde

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 699 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 23, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House