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H.R. No. 1192

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Enrique Dovalina of Houston, an esteemed civil
2 rights champion and friend to many, passed away on May 3, 2021, at
3 the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Laredo on August 18, 1948, Rick Dovalina
5 grew up in Corpus Christi and earned a bachelor's degree in business
6 at Texas A&M University-Kingsville; he worked in the insurance
7 industry before going on to graduate from the University of Houston
8 Law Center and opening a successful practice in personal injury,
9 worker's compensation, criminal, and family law; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dovalina was a longtime member of the League of
11 United Latin American Citizens Council 673 and served the
12 organization in a range of capacities, including as director of
13 District 8 and as national legal counsel; in 1998, he was elected to
14 the first of four terms as national president; among other
15 accomplishments, he oversaw publication of the LULAC Civil Rights
16 Manual, opened the organization's state office in Austin, and
17 worked closely with two presidents, Bill Clinton and George W.
18 Bush, on many crucial civil rights matters; a tireless advocate for
19 Latinos across the country, he strove to ensure that every voice was
20 heard; during his exemplary tenure, he also served on the board of
21 the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility and chaired
22 its governance committee; in later years, he continued his efforts
23 to advance his community, and he was a wise and generous mentor to
24 numerous people seeking to effect meaningful change; and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Dovalina was supported by
2 the love and encouragement of his wife of 27 years, Lisa Alcantar
3 Dovalina; he was the proud father of two sons, Richard and Michael;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Rick Dovalina made a lasting, positive impact as a
6 stalwart defender of justice and equality, and all who had the good
7 fortune to know him will forever treasure their memories of his
8 warmth, his keen intellect, and his deep compassion for the most
9 vulnerable; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Enrique "Rick"
12 Dovalina and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rick
17 Dovalina.