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H.R. No. 1342

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Gary Vance Porfirio of
2 Austin were deeply saddened by his passing on September 23, 2020, at
3 the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Albert and Victoria Porfirio, Gary
5 Porfirio was born on October 30, 1946, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of his two siblings, James and Mary; a lifelong
7 resident of Austin, he attended the Cathedral School of Saint Mary,
8 Austin High School, and The University of Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio enjoyed a rewarding career in
10 journalism, working as a production manager and operations manager
11 at KTBC television for 18 years; together with coproducer Tom
12 Johnson, he earned a Peabody Award for Journalism; he later became
13 the co-owner of Ruth's Chris Steak House in Austin, and following
14 nearly three decades in the restaurant business, he retired and
15 helped with marketing and sales for his nephew's dog treat
16 business, Natural Cravings; and

17 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Porfirio was a valued
18 congregant of Saint Mary Cathedral, where he served as an usher for
19 many years; he enjoyed entertaining conversations, competitive
20 football pools, dancing, and visiting Donn's Depot in Austin with
21 his friends; and

22 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gary Porfirio
23 will always remember the way he touched their lives with his
24 charisma, good humor, and quick wit, and he will forever hold a

1 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gary Vance Porfirio
4 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 sister, Mary Porfirio Caprez, and her husband, Pat Caprez; to his
6 sister-in-law, Edith Porfirio; to his nieces, nephews, and their
7 families; to his dear friends, Donn, Arleen, Teresa, Johnny, and
8 Pat; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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