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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on May 16,  
2 2021, with the passing of Rene Daniel Rodriguez of Corpus Christi at  
3 the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Idolina and Jose Maria Rodriguez, Rene  
5 Rodriguez was born on January 26, 1953, in Kingsville and grew up  
6 with four siblings, Carlos, Cindy, Sylvia, and Joe; he attended  
7 Carroll High School in Corpus Christi before earning a bachelor's  
8 degree in accounting from Texas A&I University in Kingsville and a  
9 juris doctor degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at  
10 Texas Southern University; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his 44-year law career,  
12 Mr. Rodriguez distinguished himself as a champion of social justice  
13 and fierce advocate for his clients; he started his career with the  
14 Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Treasury Department before  
15 finding success in private practice as a criminal defense and  
16 personal injury attorney; he went on to serve as a mentor to an  
17 array of diverse and progressive Hispanic candidates vying for a  
18 broad range of local and state elective offices; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez's involvement in the community  
20 encompassed a number of other endeavors as well; he founded a youth  
21 martial arts program as well as a charitable foundation, Fighting  
22 to Rid Gangs in America, that supported such vital programs as the  
23 National Hispanic Institute, ChicasRock, the Women's Shelter of  
24 South Texas, Kids in the Kitchen, and various other initiatives; he

1 also put his legendary barbecue skills to use while preparing meals  
2 for thousands of parishioners at the yearly Journey to Damascus  
3 retreat; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez and his wife, Nelda Vidaurri, shared a  
5 loving relationship that spanned 47 years; he took great pride in  
6 their children, Robert and Kate, and with the passing years, he had  
7 the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include a son-in-law, Mike  
8 Treiber, and two cherished grandsons, Patrick and Vincent Treiber;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Rene Rodriguez gave freely of his time and expertise  
11 to better his community, and he leaves behind a record of service  
12 that his friends and loved ones can remember with pride; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Rene Daniel Rodriguez  
16 and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rene  
21 Rodriguez.