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S.C.R. No. 52

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Sergio Muñoz Sr., who died July 30, 2020, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Sergio Muñoz was an exemplary citizen, an influential political leader, and a dedicated public servant whose vision and commitment to serving the less fortunate among us were an inspiration to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 20, 1952, he grew up in Los Ebanos and was valedictorian of his graduating class of 1970 at La Joya High School; as a young man, he demonstrated exceptional musical talent as a trumpet player, vocalist, and songwriter, and he performed in numerous local bands, including his own group, Sergio Muñoz y Los Incas; he continued his education at Pan American University, where he studied social work; and

WHEREAS, Sergio began his career in public service at the age of 18 as a candidate for the La Joya school board; he went on to serve two terms in the Texas House of Representatives representing District 36, a seat now held by his son, Sergio Muñoz Jr., and he remained involved in politics and committed to creating positive change throughout his life; he also served as a city manager and municipal judge for the City of Palmview and was a successful businessman in the insurance industry and in residential and commercial land development; and

1 WHEREAS, After leaving elected office, he worked as a
2 lobbyist for various local and municipal interests, and for two
3 decades, he served as an advocate for the health care industry and
4 was committed to providing quality care for the elderly; he was a
5 trusted mentor and advisor to numerous candidates for elected
6 office, and he held several leadership positions in the Hidalgo
7 County Democratic Party and was often seen during legislative
8 sessions supporting and promoting issues of importance to the
9 people of the Rio Grande Valley; and

10 WHEREAS, He was active in a wide range of professional and
11 civic organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Private
12 Industry Council, the Lions Club, the La Joya Educational
13 Foundation, and the Touchdown Club in Mission; he took great
14 pleasure in making his morning rounds to visit local restaurants
15 and in spending time surrounded by friends and discussing family,
16 politics, and Texas Longhorn football; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergio and his beloved wife of 44 years, Connie
18 Bazan Muñoz, were blessed with two children, Marla Lopez and Sergio
19 Muñoz Jr.; he cherished his nieces and nephews, and his eight
20 grandchildren were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergio Muñoz was a visionary community leader who
22 gave selflessly of his time and abilities to help others; he was
23 dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of others,
24 and his wisdom, strength, and integrity have set an example for
25 others to follow; and

26 WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather,
27 and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his

1 family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Sergio
4 Muñoz Sr.; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
6 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
7 Legislature and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
8 so in memory of Sergio Muñoz Sr.