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H.R. No. 9

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Mario A. Martinez on June 28, 2023, at
2 the age of 69, has profoundly saddened the many people whose lives
3 he touched over the course of a noteworthy career spanning nearly
4 five decades in the legislative community; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Charlie Martinez Jr. and Mary Louise
6 Martinez, Mario Martinez was born in Bay City on June 2, 1954; he
7 grew up with three siblings, Cecilia, Julia, and Charlie; after
8 graduating from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's
9 degree in criminal justice, he began working as a legislative aide
10 to State Representative Tom Uher and rose to become chief of staff;
11 he went on to serve as governmental affairs director for the Texas
12 State Troopers Association for more than a decade; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez married the love of his life, Louann,
14 in 1994, and they became the parents of two treasured daughters,
15 Avery and McKenna; the couple founded the consulting firm Martinez
16 & Associates in 1996, and until his passing, Mr. Martinez
17 represented major industries and law enforcement entities,
18 providing expertise regarding a number of challenging issues; a
19 loyal and diligent advocate for his clients, he distinguished
20 himself through his integrity, professionalism, and deep expertise
21 in the inner workings of government; his big heart, engaging
22 personality, and wonderful sense of humor brought him numerous
23 close friendships, and he was a kind mentor to many; and

24 WHEREAS, Above all, Mr. Martinez was dedicated to his family;

1 he encouraged his daughters to follow their dreams while instilling
2 the importance of education, a strong work ethic, and good
3 character; in addition, he shared with them his love of hunting,
4 fishing, and adopting stray animals; he also enjoyed spending time
5 in Rockport on his boat; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply caring, Mario Martinez sought to use his
7 skill and influence not only for the benefit of his clients, but
8 also for the betterment of Texas, and he will be greatly missed by
9 all who were privileged to share in the richness of his life; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
13 of Mario A. Martinez and extend sincere condolences to the members
14 of his family: to his wife, Louann Martinez; to his daughters, Avery
15 Martinez and her fiancé, Ryan Harrington, and McKenna Martinez; to
16 his honorary daughter, Meg Green; to his sisters, Cecilia Martinez
17 and Julia Ebanks and her husband, Ernie; to his brother, Charlie
18 Martinez III, and his wife, Theresa; to his nephew, Charles
19 Martinez, and his partner, Trevor Kent; to his nieces, Nicole
20 Martinez, Mallory Dracket and her husband, Demiko, and Annemarie
21 Ebanks; to his great-nieces, Clarice and Addison Warnock; and to
22 his other relatives and host of friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mario
26 Martinez.