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S.R. No. 31

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 Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 2nd  
12 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mario  
13 A. Martinez and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
14 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 Senate adjourns this  
25 day, it do so in memory of Mario Martinez.