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H.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Laredo lost an esteemed civic leader
2 with the passing of Joseph Claude Martin III on October 29, 2023, at
3 the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Laredo on May 3, 1941, Joseph Martin was the
5 son of Joseph Claude Martin Jr. and Anita Ligarde Martin, and the
6 descendant of several of the oldest South Texas families; he grew up
7 with three sisters, Patsy, Josephine, and Minnie; after completing
8 his education, he returned to his hometown and embarked on a
9 multi-faceted career in the insurance business, real estate
10 development, construction, ranching, and oil and gas exploration;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin gave generously of his time and expertise
13 to almost every civic organization in Laredo and chaired numerous
14 boards; for many years, he was a trustee of the Bruni Mineral Trust,
15 and in 1997, he succeeded his father as a co-trustee of the Lamar
16 Bruni Vergara Trust, benefiting countless individuals in his
17 beloved city; he proudly followed in the footsteps of both his
18 father and his grandfather by serving on the board of the Laredo
19 National Bank; and

20 WHEREAS, An avid traveler, Mr. Martin also loved wing
21 shooting, and he combined his two passions whenever possible, and
22 he made friends in the shooting world from South American bird boys
23 to Italian gunmakers; and

24 WHEREAS, Joseph Martin set an inspiring example through his

1 steadfast commitment to his community, and he earned the lasting
2 respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
6 Joseph Claude Martin III and extend sincere sympathy to the members
7 of his family: to his partner, Rita K. Peters; to his children,
8 Michelle Martin Elliott and her husband, William, Melissa Martin
9 Baldwin and her husband, Kenny, Joseph Claude Martin IV, and Albert
10 Martin II; to his grandchildren, Andy Shults and his wife, Celeste,
11 Charles D. Maynard III, Melissa E. Maynard, Chantal Martin, Hunter
12 J. Baldwin, and Tyler J. Baldwin; to his great-grandchildren,
13 Beckem D. Edwards and Presley Lennon W. Shults; to his siblings,
14 Patsy Galo and her husband, Mickey, Josephine Cohen and her
15 husband, Richard, and Minnie Baird and her husband, Will; and to his
16 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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