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H.R. No. 265

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Palmhurst are gathering
2 in Austin on February 22, 2023, to celebrate Palmhurst Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Development in the region began in 1912, when John
5 H. Shary invested in property and irrigation to expand early
6 experimental citrus groves into a commercial venture; remembered as
7 the "Father of the Texas Citrus Industry," he built what is now
8 known as the Shary Shivers Estate, a historic home where President
9 Dwight D. Eisenhower visited and the 37th governor of Texas, Allan
10 Shivers, married Marialice Shary; and

11 WHEREAS, Officially incorporated on January 25, 1964,
12 Palmhurst is governed by a mayor and five city council members and
13 is today home to some 2,600 people; this business-friendly town
14 boasts a host of retail shops, and the region's climate is favorable
15 to tourism as well as agriculture; visitors can observe numerous
16 beautiful species of local and migratory birds in the area, and they
17 are drawn to such attractions as the Hidalgo Pumphouse, which
18 houses machinery that was used for development a century ago; and

19 WHEREAS, The city of Palmhurst was served for more than two
20 decades by Mayor Ramiro Jose Rodriguez Jr., who passed away on April
21 5, 2022, at the age of 68; after taking office in 1999, he guided the
22 city through a period of considerable growth, and his many
23 achievements included establishing the city's first police
24 department and municipal court and attracting businesses such as

1 Walmart, H-E-B, and Walgreens that have provided employment
2 opportunities and enhanced the quality of life enjoyed by area
3 residents; and

4 WHEREAS, The residents of Palmhurst were fortunate to benefit
5 from Mayor Rodriguez's leadership and dedication, and they may
6 reflect with gratitude on the knowledge that his contributions will
7 benefit their outstanding community for years to come; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Palmhurst Day at
11 the State Capitol and pay special tribute to the life and legacy of
12 the Honorable Ramiro Jose Rodriguez Jr.