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H.R. No. 498

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an admired public servant drew to a close
2 with the passing of Palmhurst mayor Ramiro Jose Rodriguez Jr. on
3 April 5, 2022, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Juan on October 16, 1953, to Ramiro and
5 Elvia Rodriguez, Ramiro Rodriguez Jr. grew up with the
6 companionship of five sisters, Gloria, Illiana, Eliseo, Mary, and
7 Carol, and a brother, Frank; he graduated from Peacock Military
8 Academy in San Antonio and earned his bachelor's degree in biology
9 from Pan American University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez distinguished himself through his
11 service to the communities of McAllen, Mission, and Pharr, which
12 included work for the Pharr city manager's office; he also pursued a
13 25-year career in pharmaceutical sales for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals,
14 Inc., during which time he earned top awards from the company as one
15 of its most successful employees; and

16 WHEREAS, After retiring from Wyeth, Mr. Rodriguez
17 successfully ran for the office of mayor of Palmhurst; from 1999
18 until his passing, he guided the growth of the small town into a
19 thriving community, and some of his most significant achievements
20 included overseeing the establishment of the city's first police
21 department and municipal court and attracting major employers to
22 Palmhurst, such as Walmart, H-E-B, and Walgreens, which have
23 greatly added to the quality of life in the area; and

24 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Rodriguez shared his insight for

1 four years as Region 12 director of the Texas Municipal League, in
2 addition to volunteering his time on various other boards and
3 committees; he was an advocate for small cities, and during the
4 COVID-19 pandemic, he fought to ensure that they received a fair
5 allocation of crisis funding; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mayor Rodriguez enjoyed the
7 love and support of his wife of 43 years, Elda Rodriguez, and their
8 son, Ramiro; he was an avid bowler who competed in the Flamingo and
9 Mission Valley Classic League for over 30 years, and he also held
10 membership in the Knights of Columbus, St. Paul's Chapter, and the
11 Rosicrucian Order; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has left behind a legacy that
13 will long resonate in the communities he served, and he will forever
14 be remembered with deep affection by all who held him close to their
15 hearts; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mayor Ramiro Jose
18 Rodriguez Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to his family, friends,
19 and colleagues; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ramiro Jose
23 Rodriguez Jr.