

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1603

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brazoria County lost an iconic restaurateur with the  
2 passing of Joe Vincent Saladino of Friendswood on April 25, 2023, at  
3 the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mary and Sam Saladino, Joe Saladino was  
5 born in Houston on March 2, 1948; he learned the value of hard work  
6 by rising early to help his father and grandfather prepare barbeque  
7 for the family restaurant; after graduating from Mount Carmel High  
8 School, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he  
9 realized his dream of opening his own restaurant in 1976; Joe's  
10 Barbeque in Manvel had just four tables and three employees, but it  
11 caught on quickly, and six years later, Mr. Saladino launched  
12 another location in Alvin; in 1999, he added Joe's Banquet Center to  
13 host family celebrations and meetings; his catering operation grew  
14 large enough to serve major corporate clients and groups numbering  
15 in the tens of thousands; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Saladino adapted swiftly to the upheaval of the  
17 COVID-19 pandemic; he continued to employ approximately 100 people,  
18 including many who had worked for him for decades; he was also  
19 renowned for stepping forward to assist in the wake of severe storms  
20 and emergency situations, keeping the restaurant open to feed first  
21 responders and others, and he never charged police and fire  
22 department personnel in uniform for their meals; a mentor to  
23 countless youngsters, he was always ready to support local schools  
24 as well as his church and various community organizations and never

1 sought credit for his generosity; warm and friendly, he enjoyed  
2 spending lunchtime laughing and conversing with customers at his  
3 favorite table; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Saladino was deeply devoted to his family; he  
5 shared a fulfilling relationship of 52 years with his wife,  
6 Beverly, and he took great pride in his four children, seven  
7 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Saladino lived a rich and purposeful life  
9 centered around his family, his business, and his community, and he  
10 will be remembered with great admiration and affection by all who  
11 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joe Vincent  
14 Saladino and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
15 family: to his wife, Beverly Saladino; to his children, Joe  
16 Saladino Jr. and his wife, Kacey, Sarah Barham and her husband,  
17 Duane, Jennifer Parker and her husband, Mike, and Wesley Saladino  
18 and his wife, Erin; to his grandchildren, Kate Saladino, Jordan Wat  
19 and her husband, Nicholas, Nicholas Taylor, Whitney Barham, Sam  
20 Barham, Dawson Parker, and Landon Parker; to his  
21 great-grandchildren, Henry and Hudson Wat; to his brother, Michael  
22 Saladino, and his wife, Ginger; and to his other relatives and many  
23 friends; and, be it further

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