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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
- 2 passing of Ricardo Cruz Gonzalez of Duval County on February 22,
- 3 2023, at the age of 51; and
- WHEREAS, "Ricky" Gonzalez was born in Alice on July 25, 1971,
- 5 to Martin "Chico" Gonzalez and Yolanda Cruz Carrera, and he grew up
- 6 in Freer with the companionship of his five siblings, Gloria,
- 7 Martin, Orlando, Rolando, and Carolina; following high school
- 8 graduation, he continued his education at Del Mar College; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others from a young age,
- 10 Mr. Gonzalez went on to become a dispatcher for the Duval County
- 11 Sheriff's Department, and he served with the Freer Volunteer Fire
- 12 Department and EMS as well; he was also actively involved with Crime
- 13 Stoppers and other organizations; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Thoughtful and compassionate, Mr. Gonzalez was
- 15 known for being a good friend and for giving sound advice; his many
- 16 interests included attending political events and barbecues,
- 17 listening to Tejano and country music, and watching old Western
- 18 movies; above all, he cherished time spent with his loved ones, and
- 19 he also adored his pets, Chico, Jack, and Totone; his life was
- 20 further enriched by his strong faith; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Ricky Gonzalez brightened the days of all he
- 22 encountered with his radiant smile and wonderful sense of humor,
- 23 and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those
- 24 who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ricardo Cruz
- 3 Gonzalez and extend deepest condolences to the members of his
- 4 family: to his mother, Yolanda Cruz Carrera; to his siblings,
- 5 Gloria Villarreal, Martin Gonzalez Jr., Orlando Gonzalez, Rolando
- 6 Gonzalez, and Carolina Gonzalez; and to his other relatives and
- 7 many friends; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ricky
- 11 Gonzalez.