

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, A life dedicated to public service has drawn to a  
2 close with the death of former Jim Hogg County Sheriff Gilberto  
3 Saldaña Ybañez on August 27, 2022, at the age of 85; and

4        WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Hebbronville, Gilberto  
5 Ybañez was born to Esperanza and Jesus Ybañez on June 4, 1937, and  
6 he grew up with four siblings, Jesus, Baldemar, Palmira, and Juan;  
7 he was a member of the Hebbronville High School football team, and  
8 he went on to serve his nation in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve; and

9        WHEREAS, Mr. Ybañez was certified as a peace officer at  
10 Laredo Junior College in 1972, and in 1980, he was elected sheriff  
11 of Jim Hogg County; affectionately known as "El Sherife," he held  
12 the position for 20 years, serving his community with dedication  
13 and integrity; a leader in his profession, he was elected in 1995 as  
14 the first Hispanic president of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas,  
15 and from 1985 to 1986, he also served as president of the Coastal  
16 Bend Peace Officers Association; and

17       WHEREAS, Sheriff Ybañez further contributed to his community  
18 as a longtime supporter of the programs and activities of the Jim  
19 Hogg County Independent School District, particularly the D.A.R.E.  
20 and P.A.L. initiatives; moreover, he was a former president of the  
21 Lions Club and a member of the American Legion; and

22       WHEREAS, A devoted father and grandfather, a dedicated public  
23 servant, and a proud son of Hebbronville, Gilberto Ybañez lived a  
24 rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a record of service

1 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it  
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gilberto Saldaña  
4 Ybañez and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:  
5 to his sons, Ricardo G. Ybañez and his wife, Estela, and Roberto  
6 F. Ybañez; to his granddaughters, Alicia A. Ybañez and Dominique  
7 D. Ybañez; to the mother of his children, Alicia L. Garcia, and her  
8 husband, Hector; to his brother, Juan Joel Ybañez, and his wife,  
9 Nilda; to his nephews and nieces, Jesse, Johnny, Ivan, and Melissa  
10 Ybañez and Hope Kelley; and to his many other relatives and friends;  
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gilberto  
15 Saldaña Ybañez.