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H.R. No. 2539

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Mission lost an iconic civic leader  
2 with the passing of former mayor Norberto Salinas on May 25, 2023,  
3 at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, "Beto" Salinas  
5 began his career in public service in 1980 as the Hidalgo County  
6 commissioner for Precinct 3, and he served in that capacity for 12  
7 years; in 1998, he won his first mayoral race, and he went on to lead  
8 Mission for the next two decades; his achievements included  
9 spearheading the effort to build the Anzalduas International  
10 Bridge, and he was the longtime vice chair of the bridge board;  
11 acting strategically, he benefited the community through long-term  
12 planning, and he never hesitated to go to bat for his constituents;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Mayor Salinas was appointed to statewide  
15 organizations by four different governors and served on the  
16 Indigent Health Care Advisory Task Force, the Texas Funeral Service  
17 Commission, and the board of the Texas Department of Housing and  
18 Community Affairs; in addition, he served as chair of the Lower Rio  
19 Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors and of the  
20 Texas Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning  
21 Organization Policy Committee, and he served numerous other  
22 organizations in leadership roles, among them the Hidalgo chapter  
23 of the American Red Cross, the Mission Chamber of Commerce, and the  
24 Boy Scouts of America; and

1           WHEREAS, The recipient of myriad accolades, Mayor Salinas was  
2 named the 1987 Man of the Year for the City of Mission and the 2008  
3 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Mission; he was also  
4 selected as Mr. Mission and inducted into the Rio Grande Valley  
5 Walk of Fame; in private life, he was a rancher and businessman,  
6 breeding Brahman cattle and serving as president of S&F Developers  
7 and Builders; and

8           WHEREAS, Beto Salinas left a lasting and positive imprint on  
9 Mission through his unwavering dedication to his community, and  
10 although he will be deeply missed, his contributions will continue  
11 to resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Norberto Salinas and  
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
15 children, Ricardo Lee Salinas, Norberto Salinas Jr., Maribel  
16 Salinas, Marina Salinas, and Christina Salinas; to his  
17 grandchildren, Denise Delgado, Jacob Lee Salinas, Christian Lee  
18 Salinas, Adan Salinas, Victoria Salinas, Miguel Adan Delgado,  
19 Natalie Vela, Yolanda Salinas, Norberto Salinas III, and Anabel  
20 Salinas Garcia; to his great-grandchildren, Diego Escamilla,  
21 Isabela Escamilla, Catalina Ines Salinas, Joel Salinas, Aurelio  
22 Legacy Goburn, Isac Delgado, Abram Delgado, Clarisa Silva, and  
23 Karina Silva; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
24 it further

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

1 Salinas.