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S.R. No. 426

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Leopoldo Jesus Villa, who died November 8, 2022, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen and an esteemed Texan, Leopoldo Villa was born on October 31, 1948, in Aransas Pass; he was a beloved and highly respected pillar of the Rockport community as well as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Leo led a distinguished career of nearly five decades with Texas Parks and Wildlife as a motor vehicle technician, and he was a devoted public servant who was active in his community throughout his life; Leo served on the Rockport City Council for 20 years, led the city as mayor pro tempore for four years, and served one term on the board of the Aransas County Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Leo was respected and admired for his generous spirit and positive outlook, and his leadership and commitment to the community helped make Rockport a wonderful place in which to live and raise a family; his community involvement ranged from his positions in civic leadership to his roles as a baseball coach with the Rockport Little League and as a founding member of the P.O.D.E.R. committee in support of education; and

WHEREAS, In all endeavors, Leo benefited from the love and

support of his beloved wife of 53 years, Josie Villa; he was blessed with two children, Suzanne and J. D., whom he raised by loving example; he adored his three grandchildren and his two great-grandchildren, who were a great source of pride and joy to him; and

WHEREAS, Leo led a full and rewarding life, and his strength of character and leadership were a shining example to those around him; he was a cherished friend to countless people, and his memory will be forever cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Leopoldo Jesus Villa; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leopoldo Villa.