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H.R. No. 778

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of the Honorable  
3 Horacio Sabas Ramirez of Hebbronville, on March 6, 2005, brings to  
4 all who loved this respected civic leader; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on December 5, 1922, Judge Ramirez was raised  
6 in his hometown of Hebbronville, a city forever changed by the  
7 countless contributions of a single man; and

8           WHEREAS, A distinguished alumnus of Hebbronville High  
9 School, he was accepted at St. Mary's University in San Antonio;  
10 before he could finish his education, however, he chose to answer  
11 his country's call to arms after the events at Pearl Harbor; and

12           WHEREAS, He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force, and his  
13 heroic efforts as a tail gunner in the 444th Squadron, 320th  
14 Bombardment Group, earned him a host of honors, including the U.S.  
15 Air Force Air Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, and the prestigious  
16 Croix de Guerre avec Palme; and

17           WHEREAS, Returning to the Lone Star State after his  
18 discharge, Judge Ramirez resumed his studies at St. Mary's  
19 University, ultimately receiving his undergraduate degree and  
20 attending St. Mary's Law School; and

21           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan worked with the U.S. Department  
22 of Agriculture and as his county's veterans service officer before  
23 joining the Texas Department of Public Welfare; committed to the  
24 health and well-being of all Hebbronville residents, he became

1 active in civic affairs and worked to improve the town's sewer and  
2 water drainage difficulties; and

3 WHEREAS, His efforts expedited the establishment of the  
4 county's second water control and improvement district, and he  
5 became the first elected president of its board; he ably presided  
6 over the group during its formative years and helped to bring  
7 necessary changes to the town's infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Ramirez went on to serve as the Jim Hogg county  
9 and district clerk and as county auditor before beginning his  
10 illustrious service as county judge in 1987; as the highest elected  
11 official in the county, he earned the respect and admiration of his  
12 community, keeping the budget balanced and working for the  
13 continued paving and drainage of local streets, rehabilitation of  
14 homes for the needy, improvements to the sewage and wastewater  
15 systems, and development of a recycling plant, nursing home, senior  
16 citizen services center, area food bank, recreation hall, and new  
17 INS facility; and

18 WHEREAS, Above all else, Judge Ramirez dedicated himself to  
19 his beloved wife, Angiolina, and children; blessed with a marriage  
20 that spanned more than half a century and six cherished sons and  
21 daughters, he was supported in all of his endeavors by his  
22 close-knit family; and

23 WHEREAS, Horacio Ramirez built a brighter future for the  
24 community he was proud to call home, and though his special presence  
25 will be deeply missed, his memory will long endure; now, therefore,  
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby honor the life of Horacio Sabas Ramirez and  
2 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
3 Angiolina; to his sister, Amelia R. Canales; to his children,  
4 Horacio R. Ramirez and his wife, Evangelina, Irma Leticia Ramirez,  
5 Margo R. Keyes and her husband, Jim, R. Ricardo Ramirez and his  
6 wife, Carmen, Roberto D. Ramirez, and Marissa Anchia and her  
7 husband, State Representative Rafael Anchia; to his nine  
8 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
9 it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
13 Honorable Horacio Sabas Ramirez.