

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 1478

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends deeply mourn the untimely passing  
2 of Hermes Villarreal of San Juan on April 19, 2005, at the age of 41;  
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4           WHEREAS, A native of McAllen, where he was born on August 2,  
5 1963, he was a graduate of Edinburg High School who went on to earn a  
6 bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Pan  
7 American University and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from The  
8 University of Texas School of Law; he returned to the Valley to open  
9 his law practice, and during his notable career he was highly  
10 regarded for the integrity and compassion he demonstrated in behalf  
11 of his clients and the greater community; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Villarreal's volunteerism benefited a multitude  
13 of people; his service with the Hidalgo County Head Start Policy  
14 Council was truly a case of giving back, for he was enrolled in the  
15 program himself as a child; appointed to the Tropical Texas Center  
16 for MHMR in 2002, he was later elected board chair and played a key  
17 role in the organization's success over the past several years; his  
18 community involvement also encompassed board membership with the  
19 Boys and Girls Club of Pharr and terms as worshipful master of  
20 McAllen Masonic Lodge No. 1110 and District Deputy Grand Master of  
21 the Grand Lodge of Texas; and

22           WHEREAS, Devoted to his wife, Diana, and their children,  
23 Sarah, Lauren, and Hermes, Hermes Villarreal gave generously of  
24 himself to benefit others in myriad ways; a talented artist whose

1 beautiful paintings and drawings lend insight into his appreciation  
2 and love of life, he will long be fondly remembered by all who were  
3 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Hermes Villarreal and  
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his devoted  
7 wife of 13 years, Diana Villarreal; to his children, Sarah Briana,  
8 Lauren Itzel, and Hermes Alejandro Villarreal; to his mother,  
9 Hermelinda Villarreal; to his sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and  
10 Jim Eckroat, Magda and Michael Johnson, and Mirta Roper; to his  
11 grandmother, Guadalupe De Leon; to his in-laws, Ruben and Carolina  
12 Lopez; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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