

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 1669

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Weslaco has lost an admired citizen and
2 leader with the passing of Isaac D. Rodriguez, who died on April 6,
3 2007, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Genaro and Petra Rodriguez in Mercedes,
5 Isaac Rodriguez was a lifelong resident of Weslaco; he attended St.
6 Joan of Arc Catholic School and also received a public school
7 education; he joined the U.S. Air Force and was honorably
8 discharged after a year of service because of an injury; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his return to Weslaco, Mr. Rodriguez
10 embarked on a highly successful business career; he worked in
11 several department stores and finance companies before
12 establishing Weslaco Loan Company in the early 1970s and Rodriguez
13 Bail Bonds in 1976; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1984 he heeded the call of electoral politics,
15 winning a seat on the city commission; he continued to serve in that
16 office until 2006, with the exception of a three-year hiatus in the
17 mid-1990s, and several times during his tenure he served as mayor
18 pro tem; he also served as a member of the planning and zoning
19 commission, as a member of the city's human relations board, and as
20 vice chair of the Hidalgo County Housing Authority; and

21 WHEREAS, Isaac Rodriguez gave generously of his time and
22 talents to many community organizations; a charter member of the
23 League of United Latin American Citizens Council No. 291, he served
24 that group as president and treasurer; in addition, he served as a

1 member of the Amigos Del Valle Board of Directors, as chair of the
2 Weslaco Catholic Federal Credit Union for 15 years, and as
3 treasurer and adjutant of American Legion Post 494; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan played an active role in the
5 Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Catholic Church, and the American
6 Heart Association; he also volunteered with the Salvation Army and
7 helped sponsor the senior baseball league; and

8 WHEREAS, In March 2006, Isaac Rodriguez was inducted into the
9 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame, and in September of that year, the
10 City of Weslaco renamed a local park in his honor; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez was a devoted husband to his wife of 41
12 years, the former Rosalinda Cisneros, whom he married on April 15,
13 1966; he was also a loving father to his three sons, David and Larry
14 Rodriguez and the late Isaac Rodriguez, Jr.; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez will be fondly remembered for the
16 great love he had for his family and for his community; his desire
17 to serve the people of Weslaco was the driving force behind his long
18 career in municipal government, and his community leadership will
19 be truly missed; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Isaac D. Rodriguez and
22 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
23 Rosalinda "Rosie" Rodriguez; to his sons, David and Larry
24 Rodriguez; to his grandchildren, Sydney and Zachary Rodriguez; to
25 his brothers, Genaro D. Rodriguez and his wife, Aurelia, Raquel
26 "Kelo" D. Rodriguez, Jesus D. "Chuy" Rodriguez and his wife,
27 Cleofas, and Israel D. "Vito" Rodriguez and his wife, Beatrice; and

1 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Isaac D.
5 Rodriguez.