

By: Lewis

H.C.R. No. 260

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and community members are mourning  
2 the loss of Odessa City Council member Michael Sanchez, who died on  
3 March 18, 2009, at the age of 40; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Sanchez was born in Wichita Falls on November  
5 15, 1968, and was a 1987 graduate of Odessa High School, where he  
6 was a member of the National Honor Society and a competitive member  
7 of the golf team; he went on to attend Odessa College, Texas Tech  
8 University, and The University of Texas at Austin; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Sanchez was elected to the Odessa City  
10 Council for District 5, serving on the Animal Control Advisory  
11 Board, the Main Street Odessa Board, the Gas Committee, and the  
12 Personnel Policy Committee; in 2008, he was elected as mayor pro  
13 tem; and

14 WHEREAS, This compassionate and dedicated public servant  
15 committed himself to ensuring affordable housing for the people of  
16 Odessa, and he played an instrumental role in gaining tax credits  
17 for the Key West Senior Village; he also helped revise the city's  
18 personnel policies and procedures manual; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanchez was active with the Texas Municipal  
20 League, and he was a member of the TML's Association of Hispanic  
21 Municipal Officials, becoming the organization's treasurer in  
22 2007; he was a member of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic  
23 Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Above all, Mike Sanchez was a loving father to his

1 daughters, Marissa, Mariela, and Marisol, teaching them how to ride  
2 a bicycle and how to drive, supporting their school activities,  
3 introducing them to Aggies football, and taking them on trips  
4 around the state and across the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Although he was taken much too soon, Mike Sanchez  
6 leaves behind him a legacy of public service, compassion for  
7 others, and devotion to family, and his memory will forever be held  
8 close in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael Sanchez and extend sincere  
12 condolences to the members of his family: to his daughters, Marissa  
13 Sanchez, Marisol Sanchez, and Mariela Sanchez; to his father, Angel  
14 Sanchez; to his mother, Diana Chavez, and her husband, Raymond; to  
15 his grandmother, Mary Cadena; to his sister, Monica Sanchez; to his  
16 brother, Steve Chavez; to his stepsister, Reisa Chavez; to his  
17 stepbrothers, Raymond Chavez, Jr., and Paul Chavez; to his aunts,  
18 Olga Quiroz, Annabelle Sanchez, Gracie Cadena, Mary Cooper, and  
19 Cecilia Kennedy; to his uncles, John Joe Cadena, Ray Sanchez, Joe  
20 Sanchez, Johnny Sanchez, Mike Sanchez, and Rudy Sanchez; and to his  
21 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
25 Michael Sanchez.