

By: Gallego

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Del Rio lost a visionary physician and  
2 a treasured member of the community with the passing of Dr. Manuel  
3 Adrian Martinez, Jr., on August 29, 2008, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Del Rio, Manuel Martinez was born to  
5 Manuel and Concepcion Martinez on July 22, 1931; he graduated from  
6 Sacred Heart Academy in 1951 as valedictorian of his class and  
7 answered his nation's call to duty by serving in the U.S. Army from  
8 1953 to 1955; and

9           WHEREAS, Following his military service, Dr. Martinez  
10 attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio on a full academic  
11 scholarship; he went on to earn his medical degree at the Autonomous  
12 University of Nuevo Leon in Mexico and became licensed as a general  
13 practitioner, surgeon, and OB/GYN before returning to Del Rio to  
14 open his practice; over the course of his distinguished career, he  
15 delivered more than 12,000 babies, some 2,500 of which were born in  
16 Dr. Martinez's own birthing clinic; and

17           WHEREAS, This esteemed physician became a leading figure in  
18 area health initiatives, serving as a medical director for Del Rio,  
19 Val Verde County, and the state health department; he played a  
20 pivotal role in the 1980 creation of the Amistad Binational Health  
21 Council, a local chapter of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health  
22 Association, and he served as its first copresident; even after he  
23 retired from his regular practice, he continued to assist in the  
24 county's medical endeavors; in recognition of his multitude of

1 contributions to Del Rio and its surrounding communities, the  
2 Amistad Binational Health Council established Dr. Manuel A.  
3 Martinez Binational Health Week in his honor; and

4 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Dr. Martinez enjoyed the  
5 love and support of his wife, the former Blanca Estella Garza; the  
6 couple were blessed with four children, Blanca, Evette Michelle,  
7 Manuel, and Lina, and had the pleasure of welcoming eight  
8 grandchildren into their family; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel Martinez was a skilled and caring doctor  
10 who devoted his professional life to assisting his fellow citizens,  
11 and his exceptional career will continue to serve as an inspiration  
12 to aspiring physicians and community leaders alike; now, therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Manuel Adrian  
16 Martinez, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
17 family: to his wife, Blanca Estella Garza Martinez; to his  
18 children, Blanca Mollai and her husband, Saeid, Michelle O'Donnell  
19 and her husband, Brian, Manuel Adrian Martinez III and his wife,  
20 Lisa, and Lina Ramon and her husband, Martin; to his grandchildren,  
21 Ariana, Catalina, and Isabella Mollai, Sky, Brandon, and Hudson  
22 O'Donnell, Alaina Martinez, and Idol Ramon; to his siblings,  
23 Consuelo Paredes and Robert, Odilia, and Ricardo Martinez; and to  
24 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of Dr.

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