

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Mamiliano Juan Rodriguez devoted much of his  
2 life to serving his community, and Starr County was made a better  
3 place because of his actions and the example he set; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Reynosa, Mexico, Mamiliano Rodriguez was  
5 born on May 6, 1905; he came to Texas with his family during the  
6 Mexican Revolution and grew up in Hidalgo; after graduating from  
7 high school, he attended Tulane University and the University of  
8 Alabama, and he went on to earn his medical degree from the  
9 University of Oklahoma; and

10          WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez completed his internship and settled  
11 in Rio Grande City in 1934, becoming the town surgeon; he later  
12 served his country as a member of the U.S. Medical Corps during  
13 World War II, earning the rank of colonel and overseeing an air  
14 evacuation hospital service unit; and

15          WHEREAS, During his notable medical career, Dr. Rodriguez  
16 delivered more than 4,000 babies; along with his wife, Rebecca, who  
17 became a registered nurse, he helped to establish the Rodriguez  
18 Hospital in Rio Grande City, and he was known to never turn away a  
19 patient; and

20          WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez further served as Starr County judge  
21 for 22 years; he was a founding member of the Starr County New Party  
22 and a valued contributor to the South Texas Democratic Party; a 32nd  
23 degree Mason, he was also interested in soil conservation and took  
24 an active role in his ranching and farming business; and

1           WHEREAS, Known as a man who demonstrated "malice towards none  
2 and charity to all," Dr. Rodriguez was a highly respected community  
3 leader; although he passed away on July 13, 1968, his life remains  
4 an inspiring example of the good that one person can accomplish, and  
5 his contributions live on in his legacy of service and achievement;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
9 of Dr. Mamiliano Juan Rodriguez and honor his work in behalf of the  
10 people of Starr County.

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H.R. No. 81

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 81 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 28, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House