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H.R. No. 81

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.