

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Manuel P. Guillen, a lifelong resident of Rio Grande
2 City who passed away on December 19, 2002, at the age of 85,
3 rendered notable service to the people of Starr County; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 27, 1917, Mr. Guillen was the first
5 in his family to graduate from Rio Grande City High School;
6 afterward, during the Great Depression, he joined the Civilian
7 Conservation Corps and worked on CCC projects across the country;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,
10 Mr. Guillen and his brother, Mario, enlisted in the armed forces;
11 while Mario Guillen served in Europe, Mr. Guillen was deployed to
12 the Pacific, where he participated in retaking a number of
13 strategic islands; following the surrender of Japan in September
14 1945, he was stationed on one of the inner Japanese islands, and
15 during that time he came to develop a deep respect for the Japanese
16 people; and

17 WHEREAS, When Manuel and Mario Guillen resumed civilian life,
18 they embarked together on a cattle enterprise, founding the Guillen
19 Brothers Ranch in Starr County; initially, they leased land for
20 their operation, but as time went by, they were able to purchase one
21 parcel after another and establish their own holdings; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to sharing in the operation of the
23 ranch, Mr. Guillen worked for a number of years at First State Bank
24 of Rio Grande City; after his retirement from that institution, he

1 joined the board of directors of Citizens State Bank in Roma;
2 altogether, he spent more than four decades in the banking
3 industry, stepping down from his post as a director only when
4 illness intervened; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Guillen also served on the board of directors of
6 the Medina Electric Cooperative, where his business acumen was a
7 valued asset; and

8 WHEREAS, In all that he undertook, Mr. Guillen endeavored to
9 do the responsible thing; devoted to his faith, he gave generously
10 of his time and talents to the Knights of Columbus; he served for
11 many years as the local council's financial officer, and he
12 especially enjoyed the projects that the organization carried out
13 in support of Immaculate Conception School in Rio Grande City; and

14 WHEREAS, Manuel Guillen's life was rich in purpose and
15 accomplishments, and he could take pride in his many contributions
16 to the continuing development of his community; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
20 of Manuel P. Guillen; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Manuel
24 P. Guillen.

Guillen

H.R. No. 113

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 113 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 28, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House