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H.R. No. 163

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Antonio
2 Palaganas, who passed away on May 27, 2011, at the age of 72; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Palaganas was born to Pacita and Fausto
4 Palaganas in Dagupan City, in the Philippines, on September 1,
5 1938; educated in his native country, he was a summa cum laude
6 graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Law; and

7 WHEREAS, Tony Palaganas lived for a number of years in North
8 Texas and served as the first executive director of the Greater
9 Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce; in that capacity, he
10 worked tirelessly to establish a solid foundation for the
11 organization and its programs; and

12 WHEREAS, A staunch Methodist, Mr. Palaganas was instrumental
13 in organizing the National Association of Filipino American United
14 Methodists; he was a valued congregant of Faith United Methodist
15 Church in Richardson and First Filipino American UMC in Houston; in
16 addition to his church-related affiliations, he was a member of the
17 Masonic Order; and

18 WHEREAS, Next to delighting in the company of his family and
19 friends, Mr. Palaganas most enjoyed spending his leisure hours
20 fishing; and

21 WHEREAS, Tony Palaganas and his first wife, Miriam, shared a
22 devoted union of 37 years and became the proud parents of three
23 children, Rafael, Grace, and Toni Lynn; after becoming a widower,
24 Mr. Palaganas was fortunate enough to find love again and, six years

1 ago, he and his second wife, Esther, exchanged their wedding vows;
2 the couple made their home in Galveston; and

3 WHEREAS, Beloved for his friendliness, cheerful good humor,
4 and ready words of encouragement, Tony Palaganas led a life of
5 exemplary service, and those who were blessed to share in the warmth
6 of his love and affection will forever hold him close in their
7 hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of Antonio Palaganas and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
11 his family: to his wife, Esther Palaganas; to his children and their
12 spouses, Rafael and Michelle Palaganas, Grace and Elmer Codina, and
13 Toni Lynn and Chris Boykin; to his grandchildren, Lauren,
14 Jacqueline, and Marco Palaganas, Zachary and Cade Codina, and Chase
15 Boykin; to his brothers, Mercury, Leonard, Fausto, and Pio
16 Palaganas; to his sister, Fe Tipay; and to his other relatives and
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Antonio
21 Palaganas.