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H.R. No. 255

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio sustained a great loss on
2 June 21, 2013, with the death of Daniel G. San Miguel, Jr., the
3 father of our esteemed colleague, Senator Leticia Van de Putte, and
4 a beloved resident of the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 29, 1931, Mr. San Miguel was the son of
6 Daniel and Velia San Miguel; he grew up in the old Mercado area of
7 San Antonio, where his father was the proprietor of La Botica
8 Guadalupana on Produce Row in what is now Market Square; after
9 graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, he went on to attend
10 St. Mary's University, and in his junior year, he won a national
11 poetry contest; he later proudly served his country in the United
12 States Army during the Korean War; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel taught English and coached in the
14 Edgewood Independent School District before transitioning to a
15 career as an investigator; he served Bexar County as a deputy
16 sheriff and as an investigator for the district attorney's and
17 county coroner's offices, and for more than two decades, he was a
18 private investigator for a number of prestigious law firms and
19 other clients; in addition, he served as director of the City of San
20 Antonio Model Cities Program; and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. San Miguel shared his love
22 of sports with his children by coaching their CYO baseball, track,
23 and Pony League teams; as they grew older, he expanded his volunteer
24 endeavors, working on political campaigns, participating in

1 veterans' events, and giving inspirational talks and poetry
2 readings; he gave generously of his time and talents as a frequent
3 guest at Harmony Schools, where he recited poems and encouraged
4 patriotism by reading to the students about United States history,
5 the military, and the nation's great leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. San Miguel published a collection of
7 autobiographical poems entitled *The Winter of My Years*, and he
8 wrote movingly in the title verse, "I have no answers, no
9 regrets/only the experience of life and memories"; he subsequently
10 received the Hispanic Heritage Award from *La Prensa*, and he was
11 awarded a Fulbright-Hays grant as well; and

12 WHEREAS, Daniel San Miguel touched many hearts through his
13 poetry and his many kind acts, and his commitment to his family, his
14 community, and his country will remain a lasting source of
15 inspiration to those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
18 Daniel G. San Miguel, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the
19 members of his family: to his wife of 35 years, Barbara San Miguel;
20 to his children, Senator Leticia Van de Putte and her husband, Pete,
21 Daniel San Miguel III, Annabelle Garcia and her husband, federal
22 Judge Orlando Garcia, Rosanne Valenzuela and her husband, Pastor
23 John Valenzuela, and Roland San Miguel and his wife, Cindy, and to
24 their mother, Belle San Miguel Ortiz; to his grandchildren,
25 Dr. Nichole Van de Putte-Stiles and her husband, Jason, Vanessa Van
26 de Putte, Henry P. Van de Putte III and his wife, Rena, Gregory Van
27 de Putte and his wife, Samantha Isaacs, Isabella Van de Putte, Paul

1 Van de Putte, Andrea Gonzales, Daniel San Miguel IV, Adriana San
2 Miguel, Angela San Miguel, Yvonne Valenzuela, Moses Valenzuela,
3 Megan Valenzuela, Brian Valenzuela, Timothy Valenzuela, Sean
4 Valenzuela, Juan Rolando San Miguel, and Alejandro San Miguel; to
5 his great-grandchildren, Julian, Jove, and Marlo Stiles, Elliot
6 Taylor, and Asher Van de Putte; to his sisters-in-law, Mary Louise
7 San Miguel and Elanora Hurst; to his brother-in-law, Sydney
8 Spencer; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Daniel G.
13 San Miguel, Jr.