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H.R. No. 384

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Jesus Maria Gamez III of San Antonio, who passed away on March
3 20, 2012, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, "Jesse" Gamez was born on August 2, 1942, in Crystal
5 City to Jesus Maria Gamez, Jr., and Esther Varela; after graduating
6 from Crystal City High School, he enrolled at Southwest Texas
7 Junior College and later earned his bachelor's degree from
8 St. Mary's University in San Antonio; he went on to study at the
9 St. Mary's School of Law and passed the state bar exam and became a
10 licensed attorney in 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gamez began his legal career by working in the
12 office of well-known San Antonio lawyer Pat Maloney, then started
13 his own private practice in civil and criminal law; his skill as an
14 attorney brought him notable success, but he remained a dedicated
15 champion of the less fortunate throughout his life; he also played a
16 very active role in the Hispanic civil rights movement in South
17 Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Always willing to extend a helping hand, he
19 established a scholarship fund to aid students at the St. Mary's
20 School of Law and did the same for high school students in Crystal
21 City; he further assisted his hometown and the surrounding area by
22 providing weapons training for the city's police force and for the
23 Zavala County Sheriff's Department, a practice that stemmed from
24 his hobbies of hunting and collecting firearms; the community paid

1 tribute to his contributions by naming a migrant school in his
2 honor; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and
4 support of his wife, Diana Palacios Gamez, and he took great pride
5 in his children, stepchildren, and grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, An accomplished professional who devoted himself to
7 improving the world around him, Jesse Gamez will be deeply missed,
8 but the generosity and dedication with which he lived his life will
9 forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jesus Maria Gamez III
13 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Diana Palacios Gamez; to his daughters, Ester Jean Gamez and
15 Selina Gamez Maloney and her husband, Pat; to his sons, Jesus Gamez
16 IV, Armando "Sonny" Garcia, and Rey David Garcia; to his
17 grandchildren, Patrick, Connor, and Kyla Maloney and Adriana and
18 Giselle Garcia; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jesus Maria
23 Gamez III.