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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with meaningful accomplishments drew
2 to a close with the passing of distinguished community advocate
3 Erasmo Wilivaldo Andrade of El Paso on March 30, 2012, at the age of
4 80; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Wilivaldo and Maria Nieto Andrade, Erasmo
6 Andrade was born on May 12, 1931, at the family's ranch near Bruni
7 and was raised in San Antonio; a graduate of Fox Vocational and
8 Technical School, he served this nation in the U.S. Navy and
9 attained the rank of machinist's mate third class; continuing his
10 education, he enrolled at St. Mary's University, earning his
11 bachelor's degree in international relations, and he later received
12 his juris doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at
13 Texas Southern University; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Andrade's early professional experience
15 included teaching at San Antonio schools and working as an
16 English-as-a-second-language instructor at Lackland Air Force Base
17 and in overseas assignments for the Department of Defense; on
18 returning home, he became a union organizer for migrant workers and
19 other groups, and his involvement in social and political causes
20 would remain a driving force in his life; among his other
21 achievements was the establishment of the Valley Workers Assistance
22 Committee and the coordination of a 1966 farmworkers' march on the
23 State Capitol; he additionally took part in a voting-rights
24 initiative in South Texas and helped to create the Zavala County

1 Mental Health Outreach Program in a partnership with The University
2 of Texas Health Science Center; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Andrade and his family relocated to
4 Austin so that he could become a staff member for the Joint
5 Committee on Prison Reform of the 63rd Texas Legislature; he
6 subsequently joined the Austin Independent School District to
7 direct a community education program and soon found his way back
8 into the classroom, teaching economics, government, and history at
9 Austin and Lanier High Schools; during his time at those schools, he
10 helped students to form peer mediation teams and assisted them with
11 an effort to rename a downtown street in honor of Cesar Chavez; in
12 1993, he and his family moved to El Paso, where he taught social
13 studies at Riverside High School until 2002; in each of his teaching
14 assignments, he was known as someone who cared deeply about his
15 students and who encouraged them to further their studies and
16 pursue their dreams; and

17 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan volunteered with a number of
18 social service organizations in each city where he lived; he was
19 president of the Austin Child Guidance Center Board and helped
20 chair the Tri-Ethnic Desegregation Community Committee for Austin
21 schools, and he worked with groups supporting seniors, immigrants,
22 and persons with disabilities; in El Paso, he was appointed to the
23 city government civil service commission, and he was a member of the
24 appraisal review board for the El Paso Central Appraisal District
25 at the time of his death; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Andrade was active in the Democratic Party as
27 well and held the posts of precinct chair and election judge in the

1 El Paso area; previously, he was a member of the Travis County
2 Democratic Party Executive Committee, assisted with the
3 presidential campaigns of John Kerry and Barack Obama, and was
4 honored to be part of the inaugural committee for Governor Ann
5 Richards; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and
7 support of his wife, Sally, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage
8 that spanned four decades; he was also the proud father of two
9 children, Marisa and Carlos, and had four beloved grandchildren;
10 moreover, Mr. Andrade was a parishioner at Cristo Rey Catholic
11 Church, where he was an usher and a member of the parish council and
12 finance committee for many years; and

13 WHEREAS, Erasmo Andrade made a profound and positive
14 difference in countless lives through his dedication to the city
15 and state he was proud to call home, and his legacy will forever
16 endure in the hearts of those who were privileged to know him; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Erasmo Wilivaldo
20 Andrade and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
21 his wife, Sally Andrade; to his children, Marisa and Carlos
22 Andrade; to his grandchildren, Lucas, Isabel, Emma, and Joaquin; to
23 his sisters, Lupe Sanchez, Maria Dominguez, Paula Cervantes, Eva
24 Franks, Oralia Moran, Velia Perez, Alicia Wolfshol, and Helen
25 Guzman; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Erasmo
3 Wilivaldo Andrade.