

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Raymondville lost a respected civic  
2 leader with the passing of former mayor Eustolio Gonzales on  
3 November 9, 2014, at the age of 86; and

4           WHEREAS, "Tolo" Gonzales graduated from Raymondville High  
5 School and subsequently served as a member of the United States  
6 Marine Corps during the Korean War; after receiving an honorable  
7 discharge in 1954, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in  
8 education from The University of Texas--Pan American and a master's  
9 degree from Texas A&M University--Kingsville; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales led an exemplary career in education  
11 that spanned two decades with the Raymondville Independent School  
12 District, and he also worked as a lecturer and consultant on migrant  
13 education in Texas, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, where he  
14 served as supervisor of Title I migrant education at the Wisconsin  
15 Department of Public Instruction; and

16           WHEREAS, Greatly admired for his dedication to his community,  
17 Mr. Gonzales became Raymondville's first Hispanic mayor in 1973;  
18 three years later, area voters chose him as a county commissioner, a  
19 position in which he ably served for 12 years, and he earned the  
20 distinction of being the first elected Hispanic county judge of  
21 Willacy County in 1991; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales was also actively involved in the  
23 Democratic Party, playing an instrumental role in campaigns for  
24 numerous state and national candidates, including Senator Lloyd

1 Bentsen, Governor Ann Richards, Bob Krueger, and Garry Mauro; in  
2 addition, he was appointed to the Texas Board of Aging by Governor  
3 Mark White and was named chair of the Regional Review Committee by  
4 Governor Richards; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan further distinguished himself  
6 as cofounder and a member of the board of directors of Amigos Del  
7 Valle, and he was also a member of the Catholic Men's Club, the Our  
8 Lady of Grace Parish Pastoral Council, the Mexican American Chamber  
9 of Commerce, the Jaycees, the Texas State Teachers Association, the  
10 Willacy County Industrial Foundation, the Texas College of Probate  
11 Judges, and many other worthwhile organizations; receiving  
12 well-deserved recognition for his outstanding efforts, he was  
13 selected as a 2002 Notable Valley Hispanic honoree by The  
14 University of Texas--Pan American library; and

15 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Gonzales enjoyed the love  
16 and support of his wife, the former Emilia Margarita Saenz, his  
17 college sweetheart with whom he shared more than a half-century of  
18 marriage; over the years, the couple became the parents of six  
19 children, Abigail, Kristine, Patricia, Steven, Edward, and  
20 Gabriel, and they eventually knew the joy of welcoming into their  
21 family two additional generations; and

22 WHEREAS, Although it is impossible to gauge the full effect  
23 of one man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark  
24 on the world as they move through it, and Tolo Gonzales's  
25 contributions to his community will continue to resonate for many  
26 years to come; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eustolio Gonzales  
2 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
3 wife, Emilia Margarita Gonzales; to his children, Abigail Davis and  
4 her husband, Weldon, Kristine Rivera and her husband, Martin,  
5 Patricia Gonzales, Steven Gonzales, Edward Gonzales and his wife,  
6 Ellena, and Gabriel Gonzales and his wife, Wendy; to his siblings,  
7 Uvaldo Gonzales, Margarita Fonseca, and Maria Mendoza; to his  
8 grandchildren, Lisette Richardson, Emilee Gonzales, Owen Rivera,  
9 and Layla and Oliver Gonzales; to his great-grandchildren, Jake and  
10 Ryan Richardson; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
11 be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eustolio  
15 Gonzales.

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Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1208 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House