

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 1261

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Starr County have lost a highly
2 respected member of the legal community with the passing of Horacio
3 Paul Guerra III on December 27, 2013, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Horace P. Guerra, Jr., and Rebeca H. Guerra
5 in Rio Grande City, H. P. Guerra graduated from Rio Grande City High
6 School in 1950; he answered his nation's call to duty and spent two
7 years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, reaching the rank of
8 lieutenant colonel; he continued his service as a member of the U.S.
9 Army Reserve for 20 years; after his return to civilian life, Mr.
10 Guerra attended St. Mary's University and earned his bachelor's and
11 law degrees in 1955; he later obtained his doctor of jurisprudence
12 degree in 1966; and

13 WHEREAS, Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court
14 and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, this distinguished legal
15 professional held membership in the State Bar of Texas for more than
16 half a century and spent over three decades practicing law in Rio
17 Grande City; Mr. Guerra demonstrated a strong work ethic throughout
18 his time in Rio Grande City, and he often put in long hours while
19 serving a number of clients on a pro bono basis; moreover, he acted
20 as legal counsel for the Starr County Appraisal District for
21 several years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra was also employed in the banking
23 industry, and he held various management positions at a number of
24 financial institutions in Rio Grande City, San Antonio, and

1 McAllen; in 1970, he was appointed to the Finance Commission of
2 Texas for a six-year term by Governor Preston Smith; and

3 WHEREAS, Committed to supporting his hometown, Mr. Guerra
4 shared his time with numerous worthwhile organizations over the
5 years; he was a charter member of the local chapter of Rotary
6 International, a member of El Cid Caravan No. 106 of the
7 International Order of Alhambra, and a past Grand Knight of the De
8 Saules Council of the Knights of Columbus No. 2595; in addition, he
9 served as president of the Rio Grande City Jaycees and as an
10 honorary member of the Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico Jaycee Club,
11 and he further contributed to the U.S. Jaycees as an ambassador to
12 El Salvador and to Central and South America; he was also a
13 parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church; and

14 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Guerra enjoyed the love
15 and support of his wife, Josie, and the couple were blessed with
16 three children and eight grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, A man of integrity who believed in working hard and
18 in treating everyone with respect, H. P. Guerra contributed greatly
19 to the Rio Grande City community, and he leaves behind a record of
20 service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Horacio Paul Guerra
24 III and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
25 wife, Josie Guerra; to his children, Horacio P. Guerra IV and his
26 wife, Monica, Liliana G. Ortega and her husband, Hector, and Jorge
27 Luis Guerra and his wife, Ximena; to his grandchildren, Anthony,

1 Justin, and Brandon Ortega and Theresa, Isabel, Mattias, Isabella,
2 and Horacio Guerra; to his siblings, Hector F. Guerra, Richard L.
3 Guerra, and Rosa Marie G. Rodriguez; and to his other relatives and
4 friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Horacio
8 Paul Guerra III.