

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Heraclio "Laco"
2 L. Villarreal are mourning the loss of this beloved gentleman, who
3 passed away on April 7, 2015, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Laco Villarreal was born on November 15, 1932, to
5 Heraclio and Gregoria Villarreal; possessed of great courage and
6 initiative, he joined the U.S. Army in 1952 and served his country
7 until 1955; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Villarreal met the love of his life, Christel
9 Kopke, while stationed in Berlin, and he brought her with him to
10 Texas when he returned home from Germany; the couple exchanged the
11 vows of matrimony in Cotulla in 1956, and over the course of a
12 rewarding marriage that spanned nearly six decades, they were
13 blessed with three children, Anita, Steven, and Karen, and later
14 with four cherished grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, After retiring from the military, Mr. Villarreal
16 pursued a career as a transit worker and became a valued member of
17 Amalgamated Transit Union Local 694; he was also a skilled
18 woodworker and constructed a number of pieces that delighted his
19 family; and

20 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Laco Villarreal
21 will always remember his strength, his humility, and his devotion
22 to his loved ones, and he will forever hold a treasured place in
23 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Heraclio "Laco"
2 Villarreal and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
3 family: to his wife, Christel Kopke; to his daughters, Anita Pitts
4 and Karen Villarreal; to his son, Steven Villarreal; to his four
5 grandchildren; to his sisters, Margarita Ondarza and Maria
6 Alvarado; to his brother, Raymundo Villarreal; and to his other
7 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Heraclio
11 "Laco" L. Villarreal.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2518 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House