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H.R. No. 2518

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

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.