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H.R. No. 2618

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Port Isabel lost a highly regarded
2 public servant with the passing of former mayor Quirino Z. Martinez
3 on March 26, 2015, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Candelario and Mariana Zurita Martinez,
5 Quirino Martinez was born and raised in Port Isabel; he began his
6 career in local government in 1970, when he was elected as a city
7 commissioner; he served for six years in that office and held the
8 title of mayor pro tempore for four years; elected as the city's
9 mayor in 1976, he served four consecutive terms as well as a fifth
10 term from 1996 to 1998; and

11 WHEREAS, During his noteworthy tenure, Mayor Martinez worked
12 diligently to improve the quality of life of Port Isabel residents;
13 he played a key role in a number of essential civic projects,
14 including the construction of a new library, community center, and
15 chamber of commerce complex, the establishment of the Port Isabel
16 Health Clinic and Laguna Madre Park, and the renovation of
17 Washington, Beulah Lee, and Pompano Parks; he also helped bring
18 about the expansion of the city's museums and public library; his
19 many accomplishments were honored in 2011 with the dedication of
20 the Mayor Quirino Z. Martinez Park Pavilion at Washington Park; and

21 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Martinez enjoyed the
22 love and support of his wife of 60 years, Julia, and he took great
23 pride in his children, Beatriz, Quirino, Freddy, and Noe; his life
24 was further enriched by his many grandchildren,

1 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Quirino Martinez will be deeply missed, the
3 memory of this remarkable civic leader will long endure in the
4 hearts of the many people who benefited from his commitment to serve
5 the greater good; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Quirino
8 Z. Martinez and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his wife, Julia R. Martinez; to his daughter, Beatriz M.
10 Martinez, and her husband, Gualberto; to his sons, Quirino Martinez
11 Jr. and his wife, Veronica, and Alfredo "Freddy" Gomez; to his 15
12 grandchildren, his 15 great-grandchildren, and his 3
13 great-great-grandchildren; to his sister, Casilda Betancourt, and
14 her husband, Daniel; to his brothers, Candelario Martinez and his
15 wife, Maggie, Gregorio Martinez and his wife, Marcelina, Aureliano
16 Martinez and his wife, Luz, Ramiro Martinez and his wife, Melin, and
17 Mariano Martinez and his wife, Luisa; to his 25 nieces and nephews;
18 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Quirino Z.
22 Martinez.