

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 2988

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Robert
2 Gomez Rivera Sr., who passed away on May 6, 2015, at the age of 67;
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4 WHEREAS, The son of Alfredo and Alvina Gomez Rivera, Robert
5 Rivera was born in Sweetwater on September 25, 1947; he attended
6 McMurry College on a football scholarship and earned his bachelor's
7 degree in education; on August 1, 1970, he married his high school
8 sweetheart, the former Cecilia Alvidrez Gutierrez, and they became
9 the proud parents of four sons; over the years, he enjoyed guiding
10 his children through school and assisting them in their Boy Scout
11 and youth sports activities, and he was ever a source of wise
12 counsel; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Rivera established a long and rewarding career
14 as an educator that spanned nearly four decades; during his early
15 years as a teacher, he supplemented his income by selling cars
16 part-time, and he also pursued graduate studies at North Texas
17 State University, earning his master's degree in 1975; he taught
18 and coached athletics in Mesquite and Fort Worth before becoming an
19 academic counselor for the Southeast Campus of Tarrant County
20 College, where he was employed until his retirement in 2009; he was
21 an influential mentor to numerous people in all of his positions and
22 earned the lasting respect of his colleagues and supervisors; and

23 WHEREAS, A kind man with a wonderful sense of humor, Robert
24 Rivera will be deeply missed, but cherished memories of time spent

1 in his company will long endure in the hearts of his family and
2 friends; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Gomez Rivera
5 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones: to his wife,
6 Cecilia Rivera; to his sons, Robert Gabriel Rivera, Christopher
7 Rivera and his wife, Wendy, Alfredo Rivera and his wife, Erica, and
8 Conrad Rivera; to his grandsons, Christopher, Alfredo, and Pedro
9 Rivera; to his sisters, Nelda Gonzales and her husband, Cruz, and
10 Nancy Rivera; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
11 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 Robert
15 Gomez Rivera Sr.