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H.R. No. 29

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life devoted to family, faith, and community drew  
2 to a close with the passing of Starr County commissioner Raul "Roy"  
3 Peña Jr. on June 17, 2017, at the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 11, 1949, in Roma to Raul and Minerva  
5 Peña, Roy Peña grew up with the companionship of his brother and  
6 four sisters; after high school, he attended Pan American  
7 University, where he met the love of his life, Lucila Trevino; they  
8 graduated from the university in 1972 and were joined in matrimony  
9 on October 27, 1973; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Peña began his career as an educator in 1972  
11 with the Roma Independent School District and went on to teach for  
12 La Joya ISD; he entered politics following his mother's death, in a  
13 bid to complete her term as a Starr County justice of the peace;  
14 after his election, he continued serving in that position for a  
15 total of 21 years; in 1998, he sought and won the office of county  
16 commissioner for Precinct 2, and he faithfully carried out his  
17 duties in that role for nearly two decades; among the many projects  
18 he worked on over the years, he considered his greatest  
19 achievements to be the development of the Starr County Memorial and  
20 Veterans Memorial Cemeteries; and

21 WHEREAS, A dedicated leader and mentor, Mr. Peña was also a  
22 loving husband and the proud father of two children, Raul and  
23 Monica; his life was further enriched by the affection he shared  
24 with his cherished grandchildren, Analiza, Yamil, and Raul, and he

1 additionally treasured the many friendships he made in the course  
2 of his work; and

3 WHEREAS, Renowned for his steadfast integrity and his deep  
4 commitment to fairness and justice, Roy Peña will forever be  
5 remembered with admiration by all those who had the good fortune to  
6 know him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
9 of Raul "Roy" Peña Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to all those who  
10 mourn his passing; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy Peña.