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H.R. No. 123

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jesus G. Saenz of Benavides passed away on January
2 8, 2016, at the age of 77, bringing a great loss to his family and
3 many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Reynaldo and Eluteria Saenz, "Chick"
5 Saenz was born in Benavides on July 2, 1938; he graduated from
6 Benavides High School and went on to serve his country in the United
7 States Marine Corps for three years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz managed cattle ranches before embarking
9 on a four-decade career in law enforcement as a constable in the
10 Duval County Sheriff's Office; in 1972, he went to work for the
11 United States Department of Agriculture, and the following year, he
12 joined the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association as the
13 first Hispanic member of its special rangers; commissioned through
14 the Texas Department of Public Safety and certified by Texas A&M
15 University--Kingsville, he investigated a wide range of crimes,
16 including cattle rustling, theft, poaching, and agricultural
17 fraud; and

18 WHEREAS, Responsible for a six-county territory that
19 included the Mexican border between Laredo and Brownsville,
20 Mr. Saenz coordinated closely with a number of agencies on either
21 side of the Rio Grande to prevent the transport of stolen cattle; he
22 also taught livestock law and technology classes, and he helped
23 train officers across South Texas as a certified marksmanship
24 instructor; and

1 WHEREAS, Helpful, friendly, and outgoing, Mr. Saenz endeared
2 himself to innumerable people; he especially enjoyed listening to
3 music, barbecuing for his treasured family, and spending time with
4 his faithful canine companion, Benji; and

5 WHEREAS, Chick Saenz lived a caring and purposeful life, and
6 he will be remembered with great admiration and affection by all who
7 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jesus G. "Chick"
10 Saenz and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
11 his wife, Tina G. Saenz; to his son, David Saenz; to his daughter,
12 Delinda Garza, and her husband, Luis; to his stepsons, Carlos
13 Gonzales and his wife, Alma, and Danny Gonzalez and his wife, Alma;
14 to his stepdaughter, Gloria Garcia, and her husband, David; to his
15 grandchildren, Louis Garza and his wife, Andrea, Orlando, Lauren,
16 and Lottie Garza, and Derrick and Demira Saenz; to his sister, Maria
17 Elena Brock; to his eight great-grandchildren; and to his other
18 relatives and friends.