

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and accomplished life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Ramon Perez of El Paso on November 26, 2015, at the age of
3 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in El Paso, Ramon Perez was recognized by
5 many in the area for his boxing career, for which he was
6 memorialized with a mural bearing his likeness at the city's
7 downtown De Soto Hotel; he was born on August 14, 1929, and began
8 boxing at a young age, eventually earning the 1949 El Paso Golden
9 Gloves welterweight championship title as a teenager; he garnered
10 an impressive amateur record with 25 wins and 2 losses before
11 transitioning to professional status in the sport; and

12 WHEREAS, Traveling across Texas, New Mexico, Arizona,
13 California, and Mexico, Mr. Perez competed in 70 professional
14 matches, winning 35 of the bouts by knockout; he went up against
15 many notable boxers of his era, including highly ranked figures
16 such as Juan Zavala and Jimmy Carter; in 2003, he was inducted into
17 the El Paso Boxing Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, After his boxing career, Mr. Perez went on to work
19 for, and eventually retire from, a national chemical and gas supply
20 company; he subsequently founded, owned, and operated his own fire
21 extinguisher business; alongside him throughout his successes was
22 his devoted wife of 68 years, Alicia; he was also the proud father
23 of two children, Alicia and Ramon, and shared many cherished
24 moments with his 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Ramon Perez was a formidable opponent in the boxing
2 ring and a beloved figure in the El Paso community, and he will be
3 deeply missed by the many people whose lives he touched; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ramon Perez and
7 extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it
8 further

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

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H.R. No. 389

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 389 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 23, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House