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H.R. No. 389

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.