

By: Canales

H.R. No. 968

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Leonardo V. Camarillo of Edinburg on November 15, 2016,
3 at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Manuel and Julia Camarillo, Leonardo
5 Camarillo answered his nation's call to duty as a member of the
6 United States Army; he served in Europe with D Company, 2nd Armored
7 Rifle Battalion, 48th Infantry and subsequently completed a
8 deployment with the 49th Armored Division; after returning to
9 civilian life, he farmed in Hidalgo County for more than half a
10 century; and

11 WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant as well, Mr. Camarillo
12 won three elections as Hidalgo County commissioner for Precinct 4
13 and worked as city manager of Elsa for three years; in addition, he
14 served as president of the South Texas County Judges and
15 Commissioners Association and the Lower Rio Grande Valley
16 Development Council, as a member of the board of the North Alamo
17 Water Supply Corporation, and as a volunteer for numerous other
18 local organizations; he was also appointed by Governor Mark White
19 to serve on the State Job Training Council; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Camarillo enjoyed a fulfilling marriage with
21 his wife, Diana, and over the years, he was blessed with a fine
22 family that included four children, Norma Castillo and her husband,
23 Michael, Sylvia Camarillo-Gomez, Delia Gaona, and Leonardo
24 Camarillo Jr. and his wife, Tracey, as well as 11 grandchildren,

1 Mark, Michael, Jaclyn, Matthew, Jorge, Isaiah, Celeste, Darryl,
2 Shia, Liela, and Kaya; and

3 WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Mr. Camarillo often recited the
4 rosary for people in ill health; he encouraged his children to live
5 a life of integrity, humility, and generosity, and he was an
6 inspiring role model to all who knew him; in his leisure hours, he
7 enjoyed traveling and barbecuing; and

8 WHEREAS, Although he will be deeply missed, memories of this
9 beloved man will be forever treasured by those who were fortunate
10 enough to share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Leonardo V.
13 Camarillo and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leonardo
18 Camarillo.