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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
- 2 memories of Flavio Rene Gonzalez, who passed away on January 25,
- 3 2017, at the age of 86; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez was born in Rio Grande City on June
- 5 6, 1930, to Flavio and Maria Trevino Gonzalez; after graduating
- 6 from Texas A&M University in 1952, he answered his nation's call to
- 7 duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Commissioned as a second lieutenant, Mr. Gonzalez
- 9 served as an artillery officer with the Third Infantry Division,
- 10 and in 1953, he was stationed at "Outpost Harry," one of the
- 11 fortified hilltops near what would become the armistice line;
- 12 between June 10 and June 18, the outpost was attacked by a superior
- 13 force of Chinese troops, and he took part in its fierce defense; he
- 14 was wounded in action but refused to be evacuated until the post
- 15 could be relieved, inspiring his comrades to fight on; he earned the
- 16 Silver Star and the Purple Heart, and he is one of only three
- 17 soldiers recognized at Silver Star Veterans Park in Starr County,
- 18 Texas; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Gonzalez enjoyed a
- 20 long and successful career as a civil engineer; he worked for the
- 21 U.S. Department of Agriculture until his retirement in 2001, and
- 22 for 15 years, he was the state engineer for the state of Colorado;
- 23 and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez was joined in matrimony to Edna

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- 1 Oliverez for more than six decades; he was the proud father of four
- 2 children, David, Elina, Andres, and Rosina; later in life, he was
- 3 blessed with 13 grandchildren, Conor, Natalia, Javier, Austin,
- 4 Marissa, Dylan, Dakota, Stefan, Gabriella, Patrick, Elisandro,
- 5 Ileana, and Rebecca; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a dedicated professional, and
- 7 a proud veteran, Flavio Gonzalez lived a rich and purposeful life,
- 8 and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can
- 9 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Flavio Rene
- 12 Gonzalez and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and
- 13 friends; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Flavio Rene
- 17 Gonzalez.

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|                                     | Speaker of the House            |
| I certify that H.R. No. 1090 was    | unanimously adopted by a rising |
| rote of the House on April 4, 2017. |                                 |
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|                                     | Chief Clerk of the House        |