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H.R. No. 1090

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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.