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H.R. No. 1160

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service has  
2 drawn to a close with the death of the Honorable Guadalupe Ayala of  
3 San Benito, who passed away on February 25, 2017, at the age of 55;  
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5 WHEREAS, The son of Francisco and Tomasa Ayala, Guadalupe  
6 Ayala was born in 1961 in San Benito, and he grew up with four  
7 sisters, Micaela, Natividad, Senaida, and Petra, and six brothers,  
8 Erasmo, Frank, David, Victor, Joe, and Mike; after graduating from  
9 high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayala subsequently returned to his hometown and  
11 began a career with the San Benito Police Department that spanned 23  
12 years; he worked as a dispatcher before graduating from the police  
13 academy, and over the course of his distinguished tenure with the  
14 department, he was recognized by the FBI for arresting two suspects  
15 on its most wanted list and was twice awarded the Medal of Valor for  
16 lifesaving acts; he left the department in 2012 and was elected  
17 Cameron County justice of the peace for Precinct 3, Place 1, two  
18 years later; sustained by a deep faith, he was also an associate  
19 pastor at Faith Pleases God Church in Harlingen; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge Ayala enjoyed the love  
21 and support of his wife of 33 years, Elisa, and he was the proud  
22 father of three children, Vanessa Ayala, Guadalupe Ayala Jr., and  
23 Cecilia Espinoza; he was later blessed with four grandchildren,  
24 David Moody and Ariana Joy, Alina Grace, and Kaylie Espinoza; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, his faith, and his  
2 community, Guadalupe Ayala made a positive difference in the lives  
3 of his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions  
4 will be fondly remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable  
7 Guadalupe Ayala and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
8 passing; and, be it 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 on this day, it do so in memory of  
12 Guadalupe Ayala.