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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 95th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Patricio A. Gonzalez of Pharr is marking that significant milestone on March 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pharr on St. Patrick's Day in 1924, Patricio Gonzalez is the son of Domingo Gonzalez and Antonia Avila; he is a member of one of the first families to settle in Pharr, and he grew up as the youngest of nine children; coming of age during World War II, he proudly served his country in the 46th Engineer Construction Battalion of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; he was stationed in the Philippines and assisted in building landing fields for fighter planes and heavy bombers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez married the former Nora Ramirez on June 1, 1952, and they became the parents of three sons; their rewarding relationship of more than six decades was made even richer with the addition of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Mr. Gonzalez opened Pharr Auto Parts; he has co-owned and operated the business with relatives for more than a half-century, and it continues to provide mechanic services to area residents today as Car Check Auto Service; and

WHEREAS, An admired member of the Greatest Generation, Patricio Gonzalez may reflect with great satisfaction on a lifetime of achievement, and it is a pleasure to join his friends and loved ones in honoring him on this memorable occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Patricio A. Gonzalez on his 95th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Gonzalez as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.