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H.R. No. 509

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Roel Martinez of McAllen on April 3, 2017, at the age of  
3 85; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Manuel and Victoria Martinez, Roy  
5 Martinez was born on August 13, 1931, in Rio Grande City, and he  
6 grew up with a brother, Noel, and sister, Emma, in San Juan, Texas;  
7 he graduated from the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo school district and  
8 continued his education at The University of Texas at Austin, where  
9 he earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez went on to enjoy a successful career as  
11 a self-employed pharmacist in McAllen at Professional Pharmacy and  
12 Roy's Pharmacy; after three decades in that field, he retired to  
13 focus on running his ranch in Starr County; and

14           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Martinez served as  
15 chair of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Foundation and as  
16 a director of the Texas State Bank in McAllen, and he was appointed  
17 by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas State Board of Public  
18 Accountancy; among the many other organizations that benefited from  
19 his involvement were the Jefferson Savings and Loan Association,  
20 the McAllen Health Facilities Development Corporation, the McAllen  
21 Housing Authority, and the City Library Board; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez shared more than six decades of  
23 marriage with his beloved wife, Aida, and he took great pride in his  
24 five children, Jose, Laura, Victoria, Melissa, and Tina; with the

1 passing years, he was further blessed with 10 grandchildren,  
2 Victoria, Virginia, Jose, Michael, Erin, Elise, Audrey, Isabella,  
3 Daniel, and Caroline; he was a valued congregant of his church, and  
4 in his spare time, he enjoyed travel, golf, and football; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Roy Martinez will be deeply missed,  
6 cherished memories of time spent in his company will long endure in  
7 the hearts of his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Martinez and  
10 extend sincere condolences to all those who mourn his passing; and,  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy  
15 Martinez.