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H.R. No. 595

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close  
2 with the passing of Florentino Fernando Gonzalez of Galveston on  
3 January 22, 2019, at the age of 59; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Carlos and Rosaura Gonzalez, Tino  
5 Gonzalez was born in Galveston on October 16, 1959, and grew up with  
6 six siblings, Jesse, Juan, Ingrid, Alex, Willy, and Tony; he  
7 excelled on both the basketball court and the dance floor as a young  
8 man, and he met the love of his life, the former Denise Jones, at a  
9 disco in 1979; following their marriage two years later, they were  
10 blessed with three sons, Steven, Matthew, and William; Mr. Gonzalez  
11 inspired them through his example of faith and compassion, while  
12 impressing upon them the importance of higher education; in recent  
13 years, he welcomed into his family a cherished grandson, Gabriel;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez was employed most recently as family  
16 engagement specialist for the Galveston Independent School  
17 District, and he was previously vice president and director of  
18 human resources at the Children's Center, Inc., vice president of  
19 Moody National Bank, and executive director of Sea Star Base  
20 Galveston; he was also a talented carpenter, and he worked for The  
21 University of Texas Medical Branch for many years in the  
22 audio/visual/media department, human resources, and other areas;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Gonzalez

1 served in a host of leadership roles, including chair of the  
2 Galveston College Board of Regents, president elect of the Family  
3 Service Center, president of the Rotary Club of Galveston Island,  
4 and campaign chair and board member of the United Way of Galveston;  
5 among his many accolades, he received the Martin Luther King Jr.  
6 Award from UTMB; he performed countless acts of kindness for  
7 friends and strangers alike, and his sunny disposition brightened  
8 the days of all who encountered him; and

9 WHEREAS, Tino Gonzalez made a meaningful difference in the  
10 lives of his loved ones and his fellow citizens, and those he left  
11 behind will treasure their memories of his warmth, generosity, and  
12 dedication; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Florentino Fernando  
15 "Tino" Gonzalez and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
16 passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Florentino  
20 Fernando "Tino" Gonzalez.