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H.R. No. 998

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Donald
2 Anthony Garritano of Cedar Park, who passed away on February 16,
3 2019, at the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Anthony and Ann Garritano, Don Garritano
5 was born in Philadelphia on January 26, 1952; he grew up in his
6 hometown and in Radnor, Pennsylvania, with the companionship of
7 three siblings, Michael, Marybeth, and Carolyn; while a student at
8 Villanova University, he met his future wife, Maria Talamo, and
9 they married at their alma mater on February 21, 1981; they were
10 blessed with a daughter, Gina, and two sons, Victor and Giancarlo;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Garritano attended the Culinary Institute of
13 America and was employed in Philadelphia for many years as a chef
14 and kitchen manager; in 1994, his wife's nursing career took the
15 family to Palestine, Texas, and they later resided in Duncanville
16 and Victoria before settling in Cedar Park; Mr. Garritano then left
17 the culinary arts to work in building component sales, roofing,
18 construction, and solar sales and installation, and he provided
19 steadfast support and encouragement for his wife in her
20 professional advancement; and

21 WHEREAS, For two decades, Mr. Garritano was a very active
22 member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and he participated in
23 Christ Renews His Parish and volunteered as kitchen manager for
24 Life Teen Retreats; when his youngest son was in Boy Scouts, he

1 became a member of the Troop Committee and served for 17 years as a
2 camping coordinator; he also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity
3 and Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and he donated five percent of his
4 business profits to local charities; a member of the Forest Oaks
5 Homeowners Association, he served as chair of the Pool Committee
6 and as a member of the Architectural Control Committee; in 2015, his
7 daughter gave him a rescue dog, and after learning pet therapy at
8 Austin Dog Alliance, he and his loyal German shepherd, Arty,
9 brought joy and solace to veterans, the elderly, and children
10 through the Leander ISD's Bow Wow Reading Dogs program; and

11 WHEREAS, Don Garritano lived a rich and purposeful life
12 centered on his family, his faith, and his community, and he will
13 forever hold a special place in the hearts of those he left behind;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Donald Anthony
17 Garritano and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Don
22 Garritano.