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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to 2 a close with the passing of the Honorable Roberto Balderas of Corpus Christi on July 11, 2018, at the age of 62; and 3 WHEREAS, Bobby Balderas was born in Corpus Christi on August 4 5 7, 1955, to Juan and Guadalupe Balderas, and he grew up with the companionship of six siblings, Eddie, Ruben, Virginia, Michael, 6 7 Johnny, and Sylvia; he graduated from Moody High School in 1974, and he went on to attend the Police Academy at Del Mar College; and 8 WHEREAS, Joining the Nueces County Sheriff's Office in 1975, 9 Mr. Balderas began his tenure as a corrections officer and held the 10 rank of captain upon his departure in 2002; in 2003, he was elected 11 as Nueces County justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 3, and 12 he was later appointed presiding judge for the 2005-2007 term; and 13 14 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Judge Balderas cofounded the Toy Bowl, which raises money for underprivileged 15 16 youth and nonprofit organizations; moreover, he was actively involved with LULAC, the Justice of the Peace and Constables 17 Association, and the Corpus Christi Neighborhood Center; and 18 WHEREAS, Judge Balderas and his first wife, Maria Elena Ramos 19 Balderas, shared a rewarding union of more than three decades 20 before her death in 2009; together, they raised four children, 21 Melissa, Robert, Rene, and Randy; fortunate enough to find love 22 23 again, Judge Balderas spent the final years of his life with his

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second wife, Ann Balderas, and he also experienced the joy of

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- 1 welcoming into his family many grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a devoted family man, and an
- 3 admired civic leader, Roberto Balderas leaves behind a legacy of
- 4 good works that will long be remembered by the residents of Nueces
- 5 County; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Roberto
- 8 Balderas and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his
- 9 passing; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roberto
- 13 Balderas.