

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 management career  
15 took the family to Palestine, Texas, and they later resided in  
16 Duncanville and Victoria before settling in Cedar Park;  
17 Mr. Garritano then left the culinary arts to work in building  
18 component sales, roofing, construction, and solar sales and  
19 installation, and he provided steadfast support and encouragement  
20 for his wife in her 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 three years as  
2 a 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.

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H.R. No. 1280

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1280 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 26, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House