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H.R. No. 1442

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Joel Jaime Saenz of Rio Grande City, who passed away on
3 June 13, 2018, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Armando and Lydia Saenz, Joel Saenz was
5 born in Rio Grande City on February 27, 1954; he grew up with six
6 siblings, Armando, Ruben, Sylvia, Sonia, Selenia, and Monica, and
7 he graduated from Rio Grande City High School in 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Saenz
9 enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1974; after finishing recruit
10 training, he went on to serve at a number of medical facilities,
11 both stateside and overseas; he achieved the rank of chief petty
12 officer aboard the USS *Belleau Wood*, and he retired from the navy in
13 1995, drawing to a close a distinguished military career that
14 spanned more than two decades; in recognition of his valiant
15 service, he earned numerous awards and commendations; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz returned to his hometown, and he received
17 a bachelor's degree in health science from George Washington
18 University in 1997; in the subsequent years, he worked for the
19 Border Region MHMR, Hilliard Disability Consultants, and the Rio
20 Grande City Consolidated Independent School District before
21 joining the Starr County Veteran Service Office in 2017; he further
22 benefited his community as a member of the Starr County Memorial
23 Hospital board of directors; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Saenz enjoyed the love and

1 support of his wife, Mary, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage
2 of more than 40 years; he was a dedicated father to his two
3 children, Lisa and Joel, and he took great pride in his four
4 grandchildren, Sabrina, Anel, Pedro, and Joel; in his leisure time,
5 he found pleasure in hunting, fishing, and swapping jokes and
6 stories with loved ones, and he was also a skilled handyman; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Joel Saenz is deeply missed, memories of
8 his unfailing compassion, his warm and generous nature, and his
9 devotion to his family remain to comfort and inspire all those who
10 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joel Jaime Saenz and
13 extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joel Jaime
18 Saenz.