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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Rodolfo G. Sanchez of Rockdale on February 23, 2018, at  
3 the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, "Rudy" Sanchez was born in Seguin on April 9, 1939,  
5 to Isabel and Sixto Sanchez, and he grew up with the companionship  
6 of nine siblings, Roberto, Roger, Lydia, Maria Hermelinda, Maria  
7 Elisa, Ramiro, Raul, Sixto, and Petra; when he was 11, his father  
8 died in a car accident, and his mother was left to raise 10 children  
9 on her own; his family then traveled the country as migrant farm  
10 workers, and he ultimately dropped out of school to help support his  
11 mother and siblings; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his difficult experiences in his youth,  
13 Mr. Sanchez learned the values of perseverance and hard work; he  
14 went on to enjoy a successful career with Alcoa that spanned 27  
15 years, and he was a member of the United Steelworkers union; in his  
16 spare time, he found additional jobs working construction, and he  
17 eventually began investing in property in and around Rockdale; an  
18 avid outdoorsman, he relished any opportunity to go fishing, and he  
19 also delighted in cheering on the Dallas Cowboys and the Rockdale  
20 Tigers; he was influenced by music throughout his life,  
21 particularly mariachi and Tejano styles, and he was known to "cut a  
22 rug" on the dance floor; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sanchez enjoyed the love  
24 and support of his wife, Lillian, with whom he shared a rewarding

1 marriage that spanned 52 years; he took great pride in their three  
2 sons, Marco, Rocky, and the late Mario Alberto Sanchez, and he  
3 instilled in them the importance of education in fulfilling their  
4 dreams; above all else, he cherished spending time with his  
5 treasured family; and

6 WHEREAS, Warm, generous, and outgoing, Rudy Sanchez  
7 brightened the world for all who knew him, and they will forever  
8 hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Rodolfo G. Sanchez and  
11 extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rudy  
16 Sanchez.