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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard Sector/Air Station
2 Corpus Christi is celebrating the one-year anniversary of the
3 opening of Valent Hall in 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Valent Hall was named in honor of Chief Boatswain's
5 Mate Pablo Valent, a Corpus Christi native who forged a
6 distinguished career in the U.S. Coast Guard that spanned nearly
7 three decades; born on January 15, 1892, he enlisted in what was
8 then called the Life-Saving Service in 1912, and he was serving at
9 the Brazos Station on South Padre Island in 1919 when the
10 catastrophic Florida Keys Hurricane struck the Gulf of Mexico; he
11 and his fellow surfmen risked their lives to save the crew of a
12 capsized schooner in stormy seas, and the success of the mission
13 earned the rescuers the Coast Guard's Silver Life-Saving Medal for
14 their heroism; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Valent took charge of the Brazos Station in
16 1935, becoming the coast guard's first Hispanic American station
17 commander; he retired from the service in 1940 and passed away in
18 1969, at the age of 77; and

19 WHEREAS, Serving with honor, courage, and steadfastness,
20 Chief Pablo Valent embodied the highest ideals of the United States
21 Coast Guard, and Valent Hall stands as a lasting reminder of his
22 outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the one-year anniversary of the

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1 dedication of Valent Hall and extend to all those associated with
2 United States Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi sincere
3 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for United States Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus
6 Christi as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
7 Representatives.