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H.R. No. 2156

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 10 siblings, Roberto, Roger, Lydia, Maria Hermelinda, Maria
7 Elisa, Ramiro, Raul, Sixto, Carlos, and Petra; when he was 11, his
8 father died in a car accident, and his mother was left to raise the
9 children on her own; his family then traveled the country as migrant
10 farm workers, and he ultimately dropped out of school to help
11 support his 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.