

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

WHEREAS, Gonzalo Hernandez shuttered his business, Gonzalo's Mexican Restaurant, in September 2018, drawing to a close nearly four decades of delighting the diners of Longview; and

WHEREAS, Born in Austin in 1940, Mr. Hernandez began working in restaurants at the age of 14; after serving for two years in the United States Army during the 1960s, he was managing a restaurant in Dallas when a friend urged him to move to Longview; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez opened Gonzalo's Mexican Restaurant on April 3, 1979, and in the years since, the establishment has drawn generations of East Texas residents with its traditional menu featuring such items as chiles rellenos, fajitas, and tacos al carbon; and

WHEREAS, Seating 50 diners, Gonzalo's yellow-and-red building was a popular gathering spot for years, and its walls were lined with family photographs, birth announcements, wedding invitations, and autographed photos of such famous customers as movie star and former Longview resident Matthew McConaughey; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hernandez has benefited from the love and support of Consuelo, his wife of 50 years, who worked part-time in the restaurant, as well as that of his two sons, Alejandro and Eduardo; and

WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Gonzalo Hernandez provided warm hospitality and delicious food to the members of his community, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many achievements during a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commemorate the closing of Gonzalo's Mexican Restaurant and extend to Gonzalo Hernandez and his staff sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Hernandez as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate