

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Alberto Barrera of Rio Grande City, who died on January
3 14, 2018, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Bonifacio and Antonia Barrera, Alberto
5 Barrera was born in Rio Grande City on August 17, 1930, and grew up
6 with six siblings, Eduardo, Bonifacio, Benicio, Rogelio, Angelica,
7 and Sylvia; he shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Celia,
8 that spanned 61 years, and he was the proud father of four children,
9 Armandina, Alberto, Arnoldo, and Ambarina; later in life, he
10 welcomed into his family eight grandchildren, José, Justin,
11 Jocelin, Alberto, Adan, Armando, Araceli, and Connor, and a
12 great-granddaughter, Juliette; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from Rio Grande City High School in
14 1948, Mr. Barrera attended Pan American Junior College and went on
15 to receive his bachelor's degree from Texas A&I College in 1952; he
16 subsequently answered his nation's call to duty by serving in the
17 U.S. Army for two years before embarking on a long and distinguished
18 career as an educator; over the course of more than five decades, he
19 taught for the Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School
20 District, Pan American University, and South Texas College; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Barrera also earned an impressive reputation as
22 a folklorist and artist, performing his compositions across the
23 United States and in Spain and Mexico, and he conducted extensive
24 studies in his field at such institutions as Colgate University,

1 Oklahoma State University, Universidad de Mexico, the University of
2 North Texas, Universidad de Burgos España, and La Universidad de
3 Madrid en España; and

4 WHEREAS, Alberto Barrera lived a rich and purposeful life
5 dedicated to his family, his profession, and his artistry, and he
6 leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who
7 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of Alberto Barrera and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives
11 and many friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 63

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 63 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 30, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House