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H.C.R. No. 10

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The life of a distinguished public servant drew to a
2 close with the death of former state representative Roberto
3 Gutierrez of McAllen on December 28, 2019, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Roberto Gutierrez was born on June 11, 1936;
5 answering his nation's call to duty, he served in the 49th Armored
6 Division of the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of sergeant, and he
7 went on to serve another 10 years in the Texas National Guard; in
8 civilian life, he earned a master's degree in education and enjoyed
9 a career as a secondary school teacher and counselor and as a
10 businessman; and

11 WHEREAS, First elected to the State Legislature from
12 District 41 in 1990, Representative Gutierrez served for 14 years,
13 and he devoted his tenure in office to expanding education in the
14 Rio Grande Valley, promoting public safety, and improving access to
15 health services; he was a member of the Appropriations, Public
16 Safety, and Financial Institutions Committees, among others, and
17 his many achievements included authoring the bill that created
18 South Texas Community College, helping to increase funding for The
19 University of Texas-Pan American, promoting an early diabetes
20 detection program for children, and playing a lead role in creating
21 the UT Regional Academic Health Center, which served as the
22 foundation for the UTRGV School of Medicine; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Gutierrez shared a loving union with
24 his wife, Cecilia Carmen Gutierrez, that spanned 56 years until her

1 death in 2017, and he was the proud father of three children,
2 Roberto, Gilda, and Sara; with the passing years, he had the
3 pleasure of welcoming into his family seven grandchildren, Roberto
4 Daniel, A. Cecilia, Iris Isabelle, Joel Roberto, Sarita Cecilia,
5 Gabriela Marie, and Andrea Renee; and

6 WHEREAS, Living up to his motto "*dale gas*," which is Spanish
7 for "go forward," Roberto Gutierrez led a rich and purposeful life
8 dedicated to the service of others, and he leaves behind a legacy
9 that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,
12 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of the
13 Honorable Roberto Gutierrez and extend heartfelt sympathy to his
14 family and many friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
18 Roberto Gutierrez.