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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life has drawn to a close with the passing of Gerardo J. Gamez of El Paso on February 6, 2021, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, The son of Fernando and Ethel Gamez, Gerald Gamez was born on March 29, 1965, in Ankara, Turkey; he grew up with the companionship of three siblings, Isabel, Patty, and Fernando, and in 1983, he graduated from J. M. Hanks High School in El Paso; three years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and he was honorably discharged in 1990; he went on to earn master's degrees in guidance and counseling and in educational administration from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gamez worked as a special education teacher in San Elizario and later as a counselor at J. M. Hanks and El Paso High Schools; subsequently, he served as assistant principal at Eastwood and Del Valle High Schools; in 2019, after retiring from the Ysleta Independent School District, he joined the administration of Cathedral High School as assistant principal; and

WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Mr. Gamez was involved in Cub Scouts, Special Olympics, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; moreover, he was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, and he participated in his local ACTS Missions chapter; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gamez benefited from the love and support of his wife of 32 years, Maria Teresa Gamez; he was the proud father of three children, Brittany, Krystal, and Michael, and he was further blessed with a granddaughter, Juliet; in his leisure time, he enjoyed cheering on the Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his work as an educator, Gerald Gamez earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gerardo J. Gamez and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gerald Gamez.