H.R. No. 1342

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Gary Vance Porfirio of Austin were deeply saddened by his passing on September 23, 2020, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, The son of Albert and Victoria Porfirio, Gary Porfirio was born on October 30, 1946, and he grew up with the companionship of his two siblings, James and Mary; a lifelong resident of Austin, he attended the Cathedral School of Saint Mary, Austin High School, and The University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio enjoyed a rewarding career in journalism, working as a production manager and operations manager at KTBC television for 18 years; together with coproducer Tom Johnson, he earned a Peabody Award for Journalism; he later became the co-owner of Ruth's Chris Steak House in Austin, and following nearly three decades in the restaurant business, he retired and helped with marketing and sales for his nephew's dog treat business, Natural Cravings; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Porfirio was a valued congregant of Saint Mary Cathedral, where he served as an usher for many years; he enjoyed entertaining conversations, competitive football pools, dancing, and visiting Donn's Depot in Austin with his friends; and

WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gary Porfirio will always remember the way he touched their lives with his charisma, good humor, and quick wit, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gary Vance Porfirio and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his sister, Mary Porfirio Caprez, and her husband, Pat Caprez; to his sister-in-law, Edith Porfirio; to his nieces, nephews, and their families; to his dear friends, Donn, Arleen, Teresa, Johnny, and Pat; and to his other relatives and friends; 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 Gary Porfirio.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1342 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House