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H.R. No. 78

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Laredo lost a respected community leader
2 with the death of Carlos Y. Benavides Jr. of Laredo on December 23,
3 2020, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Descended from one of Laredo's founding families,
5 C. Y. Benavides was born on May 20, 1936, to C. Y. and Anita
6 Benavides, and he grew up with a brother, Arturo; after graduating
7 from St. Joseph's High School in 1954, he earned his bachelor's
8 degree in geology from the University of Dayton in 1958; he went on
9 to attend Baylor Law School, and he was admitted to the Texas bar in
10 1964; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Benavides enjoyed a successful 50-year career
12 as an attorney, and he played a vital role in managing his family's
13 ranching and petroleum properties, helping to found the Rancho
14 Viejo Cattle Company; he also served as the city's assistant
15 district attorney, and he was twice elected as Webb County judge;
16 answering his nation's call to duty, he was a commissioned officer
17 in the National Guard; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Benavides helped ensure the success of the Boys
19 and Girls Clubs of Laredo, and he also provided support to Sacred
20 Heart Children's Home; he was a longtime member of the Knights of
21 Columbus, and in 2010, he was elevated to the rank of Fourth Degree,
22 the order's highest honor; he also established the Benavides Family
23 Endowment to provide financial assistance to students at Texas A&M
24 International University; in his leisure time, he enjoyed traveling

1 with his family, particularly big game hunting expeditions in
2 Africa; and

3 WHEREAS, A true son of Laredo, C. Y. Benavides lived a rich
4 and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
5 continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carlos Y. Benavides
9 Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to
10 his children, C. Y. Benavides III, Guillermo Benavides, and
11 Cristina Alexander; to his grandchildren, Carlos, Nicholas,
12 Eduardo, Joshua, Catarina, Christian, Guillermo, Alfonso, Ricardo,
13 Gabriela, Anna, and Karina; to his great-grandchildren, Bryan and
14 Ava Rose; to the mother of his children, Linda Mann; and to his
15 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of C. Y.
19 Benavides.