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H.R. No. 376

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Pharr lost an esteemed civic leader
2 with the death of A. C. Jaime on July 23, 2020, at the age of 84; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Premont on May 10, 1936, "Beto" Jaime was the
4 son of Emanuel Jaime and Virginia Casares and the stepson of
5 Hortencio Villarreal, and he was raised with the companionship of
6 three siblings, Reynaldo, Raul, and Beatrice; he attended the
7 University of Houston and went on to earn a degree in accounting
8 from Pan American College; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to enjoying a long and successful career
10 as a CPA, Mr. Jaime took an active role in his community; in 1972,
11 he was elected as the first Hispanic mayor of Pharr, and during his
12 six years in office, he and his administration helped ease
13 heightened racial tensions in the city following the 1971 Pharr
14 riot; he was also instrumental in establishing the position of city
15 manager and in obtaining a permit for the Pharr-Reynosa
16 International Bridge; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jaime further benefited area residents through
18 his leadership roles with the McAllen Jaycees, the Lower Rio Grande
19 Valley Development Council, Amigos Del Valle, and the Vannie
20 E. Cook Jr. Cancer Foundation; moreover, he gave back to his church
21 community as parish council president of St. Margaret Mary Catholic
22 Church in Pharr; a Texas 5K race walking champion and Senior
23 Olympics qualifier, he also served as the founding president of the
24 South Texas Walking Club and as the national head coach of the USA

1 Track & Field junior race walking team; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many accomplishments,
3 Mr. Jaime was named the Pharr Citizen of the Year in 2000, and he
4 received a Distinguished Service Award from the Rio Grande Valley
5 Sports Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Jaime was devoted to his wife,
7 Dora, and their children, Adalberto, Jorge, Linda, Rene, Doreen,
8 and Jaime; with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his
9 family grow to include 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
12 one person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark
13 on the world as they move through it, and Beto Jaime's contributions
14 will long resonate in the Pharr community and beyond; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of A. C. Jaime and
18 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
23 A. C. Jaime.