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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Gabriel Rivas III of Corpus Christi, on August 5, 2020,  
3 at the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on May 9, 1954, Gabe Rivas was the son of  
5 Gabriel Rivas Jr. and Paulita G. Rivas, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of five siblings, Yvette, David, Robert, Joseph, and  
7 Edward; after graduating from Roy Miller High School, he studied  
8 photography at East Los Angeles College; he subsequently returned  
9 to Texas to join the family business, Gabriel Rivas Photography,  
10 and over the course of a rewarding career spanning four decades, he  
11 worked with a number of nationally recognized photographers such as  
12 Bill Stockwell, Monte Zucker, and Rocky Gunn; active in his  
13 profession, he was a former member of the National Photographers  
14 Association of America and the Texas Professional Photographers  
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Rivas was a  
17 graduate of Leadership Corpus Christi and served as board chair of  
18 the program's alumni association; he was also a member of the Corpus  
19 Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and in 2000, he was elected  
20 first vice chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents, later  
21 serving as president and as District 1 representative; moreover, he  
22 held membership with the City of Corpus Christi Minority Business  
23 Owners Commission, Charter Revision Commission, and Landmark  
24 Commission; he further distinguished himself as president and

1 district director of LULAC Council No. 1, which recognized him  
2 multiple times as Man of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Rivas enjoyed the love and  
4 support of his wife, Mary Ledesma, and he took great pride in his  
5 stepchildren, Toney, Cassandra, Tray'Von, and Rudy, his  
6 grandchildren, and his son, Gabriel; and

7 WHEREAS, Gabe Rivas made a meaningful difference in the lives  
8 of his loved ones and his fellow citizens alike, and those he left  
9 behind will treasure their memories of his warmth, generosity, and  
10 dedication; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gabriel Rivas III and  
13 extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and, be it  
14 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gabriel  
18 Rivas III.