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H.R. No. 466

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of John A. Lopez of Mission on July 20,
3 2020, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Mission, Johnny Lopez was born to
5 Fernando and Sila Lopez on October 20, 1954, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of two older brothers; following his graduation from
7 Mission High School in 1972, he continued his education at The
8 University of Texas-Pan American, where he earned a bachelor's
9 degree in kinesiology and was a member of Phi Kappa Theta
10 fraternity; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez initially worked as a teacher and coach at
12 Brewster School in the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School
13 District; in 1978, he transitioned to a career in law enforcement
14 and joined the U.S. Border Patrol, serving at stations in
15 Harlingen, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Mercedes/Weslaco; he retired
16 in 2004 at the rank of patrol agent in charge, after a distinguished
17 tenure of 27 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Engaged in his community, Mr. Lopez served on the
19 City of Mission Housing Committee and as a board member for the
20 Shary Municipal Golf Course; moreover, he was a candidate for the
21 Mission City Council Place 2 seat at the time of his death; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Lopez benefited from the
23 love and support of his wife, Otila, with whom he shared a rewarding
24 marriage that spanned more than four decades; he was the proud

1 father of three children, John, Jeannette, and Jaclyn, and he was
2 further blessed with two grandchildren, Joslyn and Khloe; a devoted
3 family man, he coached his children's sports teams when they were
4 young, and he went on to mentor his granddaughters in golf; in his
5 leisure hours, he enjoyed hunting; and

6 WHEREAS, While his loss is difficult to bear, Johnny Lopez
7 leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far
8 richer for having known him, and he will always hold a treasured
9 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John A. Lopez and
12 extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Johnny
17 Lopez.