

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Charles Ponzio Jr. of Austin, who died on July 16, 2020,
3 at the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Charlie Ponzio was born on March
5 9, 1953, to Margarita Perez and Carlos Ponzio, and he grew up in
6 Silver City, New Mexico, with six siblings; the family eventually
7 returned to El Paso, and after graduating from Ysleta High School,
8 Mr. Ponzio embarked on a successful career in commercial real
9 estate; he held a number of national commercial real estate
10 management and brokerage certifications, and he was president of
11 the El Paso chapter of CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment
12 Member) in both 1987 and 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ponzio expended much of his time and energy in
14 behalf of his community; he served as president of the Downtown
15 Sertoma Club, helped establish the White Collar Industry Task
16 Force, and became founding president of the El Paso Hispanic
17 Chamber of Commerce in 1990; he also served on the El Paso Plan
18 Commission under three different mayors, chaired the Hispanic
19 Leadership Institute and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education
20 Foundation, and ran for Congress in 1992; after moving to Austin in
21 1997, he worked to support the residents of the Dove Springs
22 neighborhood; and

23 WHEREAS, Devoted to his children and his grandchildren,
24 Mr. Ponzio delighted in sharing his life and interests with them;

1 he took great pleasure in fine dining, salsa dancing, critiquing
2 movies, storytelling, and experiencing new music; and

3 WHEREAS, Blessed with a lively curiosity and keen intellect,
4 Charlie Ponzio never stopped learning and evolving, and he leaves
5 behind a legacy of hard work, service to others, and *joie de vivre*
6 that will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Ponzio Jr.
10 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
11 children, Sunday, Eric, Carlo, Maria, Audrey, and Joseph; to his
12 grandchildren, Aidan, Ezra, Mia, Dante, and Joshua; to his ex-wife,
13 Deborah; to his siblings, Joel, Sam, Bruce, Carla, Laura, and
14 Marissa; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it 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 Charles
18 Ponzio Jr.

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H.R. No. 487

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 487 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House