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H.R. No. 760

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a respected educator drew to a close with  
2 the passing of Dr. Dominic I. Lannutti, a longtime biology  
3 professor at El Paso Community College, on April 24, 2020, at the  
4 age of 55; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on September 21, 1964, Dominic  
6 Lannutti was the son of James Michael Lannutti and Norma Gil; he  
7 served his country as a member of the United States Army and he  
8 later worked as a farmer in Fabens, Texas; at age 27, he decided to  
9 enroll at El Paso Community College, where he became interested in  
10 the life sciences and also discovered his love of research as a  
11 member of the inaugural class of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate  
12 Program; after graduating from EPCC in 1993, he earned his  
13 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at The University of  
14 Texas at El Paso; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Lannutti went on to join the biology faculty at  
16 EPCC, and he enjoyed a rewarding career with the school that spanned  
17 more than 20 years; in addition to teaching specialized courses on  
18 vertebrate zoology, invertebrate zoology, and botany, he served as  
19 project director for the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program, the  
20 program that had nurtured his success when he was a college student;  
21 especially committed to helping underserved students, he mentored  
22 many young men of color through his work with the Tejano Empowerment  
23 Network; along the way, he served his fellow educators with great  
24 dedication as the biology faculty coordinator at the Valle Verde

1 campus, as the biology discipline district-wide coordinator, as the  
2 chair of multiple discipline committees, and as a member of the  
3 Faculty Senate; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Lannutti enjoyed the love  
5 and support of his wife, Adela, and he cherished his blended family,  
6 which included his children, Kay, Christopher, Oddessa, and Alec,  
7 his stepchildren, Aaron and Alyssa, and his five grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Greatly admired for his passion, energy, and  
9 commitment to both his students and colleagues, Dr. Dominic  
10 Lannutti left behind a legacy that will long be admired by all those  
11 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Dominic I.  
14 Lannutti and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
15 to his wife, Adela Lannutti; to his mother, Norma Gil; to his  
16 sisters, Michelle Lannutti, Anne Balderrama, Alexandria Gil, and  
17 Margo Lannutti; to his children, Kay, Christopher, and Alec  
18 Lannutti, and Oddessa Dow; to his stepchildren, Aaron Arreola and  
19 Alyssa Arreola; to his five grandchildren; and to his other  
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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