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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Gilberto Trejo of Rio Grande City on April 23, 2020, at  
3 the age of 88; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Cosme Trejo and Rosenda Molina, Gilberto  
5 Trejo was born in Mission on June 18, 1931; he lost his parents at an  
6 early age and was raised by his grandmother, Beatriz Garza, and his  
7 uncle, Viterbo Molina; coming of age during the Korean War, he  
8 enlisted in the U.S. Army, and near the end of the conflict, he and  
9 his platoon were held captive for several months; he subsequently  
10 endured a long convalescence in the hospital; highly decorated for  
11 his bravery, he attained the rank of master sergeant; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Trejo went on to work as a building contractor  
13 for two decades, and after completing his bachelor's degree in  
14 mathematics at Texas A&M University, he taught in the Rio Grande  
15 City Consolidated Independent School District for 28 years; deeply  
16 patriotic, he was commander of local Disabled American Veterans and  
17 Veterans of Foreign War posts and led hundreds of burial ceremonies  
18 for Starr County veterans; in 2013, the Korean War Marker located at  
19 the county courthouse annex was dedicated to him, honoring his  
20 heroism and service; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Trejo married the former Ernestina  
22 Hernandez, and they raised six children, Gilberto, Evangelina,  
23 Adalberto, Baudilia, Heberto, and Humberto; eventually, their  
24 treasured family grew to include 16 grandchildren and 16

1 great-grandchildren; Mr. Trejo provided a beautiful soundtrack for  
2 all their lives, playing guitar and singing Latin ballads in his  
3 free time; in retirement, he enjoyed applying his math skills to the  
4 lottery and attending senior center activities with his wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Gilberto Trejo was a brave soldier, a caring husband  
6 and father, and a leader in his community, and the contributions he  
7 made in each of these roles will long inspire all those who were  
8 fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gilberto Trejo and  
11 extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gilberto  
15 Trejo.