

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 233

In Memory  
of  
Roberto Ramiro Avitia Jr.

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Roberto Ramiro Avitia Jr., who died March 20, 2021, at the age of 67; and

**WHEREAS,** A beloved civic leader and an esteemed law enforcement officer, Roberto Avitia enjoyed a fulfilling life of service to his family, his community, and his church; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberto Avitia was born on October 23, 1953, in Harlingen; he graduated cum laude from Pan American University with a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement; he served with distinction as a member of the Brownsville Police Department for 36 years, and during his tenure, he earned numerous commendations for his work in the Criminal Investigation Division; he was appointed police commander in 2004 and was appointed commander of the Professional Standard Command two years later; he retired from public service in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Avitia shared 45 years of marriage with his life's love, Elizabeth Limón Avitia; he was blessed with three sons and with five grandchildren, who enriched his life immeasurably; and

**WHEREAS,** A man guided in all things by his Christian faith, Mr. Avitia taught Sunday school at both Temple Emmanuel Assemblies of God Church and the International Christian Center, and he volunteered his time to numerous charitable organizations; his many civic leadership roles included serving on the board of directors of the Brownsville Men's Bowling

Association and the Boys Club and serving as president of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, the Mr. Amigo Association, and the Gathering of the Eagles; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Avitia was passionate about football and especially enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys, and he was an avid collector of sports memorabilia; he was always ready to help a neighbor in need, and he took great joy in searching for personalized gifts for his many loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** Noted for his compassionate nature, his quick wit, and his tireless devotion to his community, Roberto Avitia was beloved by many, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Roberto Ramiro Avitia Jr.; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roberto Avitia.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 12, 2021, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate