

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Lionel Charles Betancourt on August 6, 2025, at the age
3 of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville on November 26, 1933, Lionel
5 Betancourt was the son of Paco and Mae Betancourt; he grew up with
6 the company of two sisters, Lee and Betty, and a brother, Frank;
7 after attending San Benito High School, he graduated from The
8 University of Texas at Austin; he was subsequently employed by
9 Collins Radio Company and took pride in its innovative projects,
10 including provision of audio-video communications equipment to
11 NASA for the first moon landing; in the course of his career, he
12 became a founding director of First National Bank of San Benito; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Betancourt was deeply committed to his
14 community and gave freely of his time and expertise in a number of
15 leadership roles; he served as chair of the Port Isabel-San Benito
16 Navigation District and as president of both the San Benito Chamber
17 of Commerce and the Rotary Club of San Benito; guided by the
18 Rotarian motto, "Service Above Self," he founded the Adoption
19 Awareness Project to help children find forever families and
20 mentored other Rotarians in expanding the program to other areas;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, A man of vision and compassion, Lionel Betancourt is
23 greatly missed by those he left behind, but they will continue to
24 find inspiration in his steadfast integrity and dedication to his

1 family, his faith, and his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
4 Lionel Charles Betancourt and extend sincere condolences to the
5 members of his family: to his beloved wife of 64 years, Mary Anne;
6 to his children, John, Andrea, and Amanda and her husband, Chris; to
7 his granddaughters, Jenna and Cate; to his younger sister, Betty;
8 to his sister-in-law, Patricia; to his nieces Dana, Lisa, Rachel,
9 and Emily; to his nephew, Scotty; and to his many other relatives
10 and friends; and, be it further

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

Lopez of Cameron

H.R. No. 79

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 79 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on September 2, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House