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H.R. No. 85

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Richard Cyril Bernal of
2 San Antonio were deeply saddened by his death on June 13, 2025, at
3 the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Joe and Mary Esther Bernal, Rick Bernal
5 was born in San Antonio on March 18, 1957, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of three siblings, Patrick, Rebecca, and Barney; he
7 developed an interest in music at an early age and participated in
8 theater and radio programs throughout his youth; in 1975, he
9 graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, and he went on to
10 enroll in the radio, theater, and film department at San Antonio
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal began his career as a professional disc
13 jockey after being recruited to a radio station in Tucson, Arizona;
14 he subsequently joined a station in Las Vegas, where he spent a
15 decade honing his radio personality before embarking on an
16 outstanding 30-year tenure at KBIG in Los Angeles; in 2012, he
17 returned home to San Antonio to care for his parents, and he worked
18 briefly for KONO-FM before his retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, A man of many talents, Mr. Bernal played the piano,
20 saxophone, oboe, and marimba, and he enjoyed attending live music
21 performances, cheering on the Los Angeles Lakers and Dallas
22 Cowboys, and caring for the wildlife in his neighborhood; above all
23 else, he was devoted to his loved ones, which included his sons,
24 Benjamin and Nathan, his grandsons, Brandon, Luke, and Leo, and his

1 beloved life partner, Sandra Sanchez; and

2 WHEREAS, Admired for his warmth and humor, Rick Bernal
3 brightened the world for all who knew him, and they will forever
4 hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
7 of Richard Cyril Bernal and extend sincere condolences to the
8 members of his family: to his former wife, Ellen McNichol; to his
9 sons, Benjamin Bernal and his wife, Lauren, and Nathan Bernal; to
10 his siblings, Patrick Bernal and his wife, Elisa, and Rebecca
11 Villareal and her husband, Robert; to his partner, Sandra Sanchez;
12 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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