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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of San Antonio lost an admired community  
2 activist and civic leader with the passing of Daniel G. Rodriguez  
3 Jr. on January 9, 2025, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Laredo on November 8, 1951, to Sofia Garza  
5 Rodriguez and Daniel Rodriguez Sr., Dan Rodriguez grew up in San  
6 Antonio with the companionship of 10 siblings, Rita, Laura, Rene,  
7 Annette, Hilda, Linda, Isaac, Agustin, Hector, and Rudy; he went on  
8 to graduate from Kennedy High School and shortly thereafter  
9 exchanged wedding vows with his high school sweetheart, Diana  
10 Cardenas; the couple shared a rewarding marriage of 54 years and  
11 lovingly raised four children, Sonia, Daniel, Kristy, and Javier,  
12 and their treasured family eventually grew to include numerous  
13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, As a teenager, Mr. Rodriguez found employment with  
15 the City of San Antonio as a community service officer in the  
16 housing projects; he subsequently worked for the city's Community  
17 Relations Drug Inhalant Prevention Program from 1971 to 1983, and  
18 he was involved with the Brown Berets, the Mexican American Youth  
19 Organization, and La Raza Unida Party; in his later years, he also  
20 participated in the AFL-CIO and local Democratic politics; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Rodriguez became a bus driver for VIA  
22 Metropolitan Transit, which led him to take an active role in the  
23 Amalgamated Transit Union Local 694; his career with VIA and his  
24 affiliation with ATU spanned more than 33 years, during which time

1 he was elected to four terms as the union's president and was  
2 instrumental in launching the Health and Welfare Fund for its  
3 members; he was known for his keen skills as a negotiator for the  
4 organization, and in 2015, he succeeded in securing a paid holiday  
5 for VIA employees in honor of labor leader Cesar Chavez; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan Rodriguez positively impacted countless lives  
7 through his service, his mentorship, and his unwavering commitment  
8 to the rights of the disadvantaged, and he leaves behind a legacy  
9 that will long be remembered; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Daniel G. Rodriguez  
12 Jr. and extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing;  
13 and, be it further

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