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H.R. No. 95

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Andrew H. Villarreal of San Antonio on
3 December 22, 2024, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Ernesto and Otila Villarreal, Andrew
5 Villarreal was born in San Antonio on July 4, 1930; answering his
6 nation's call to duty, he served in the United States Air Force
7 during the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, On August 20, 1953, Mr. Villarreal exchanged vows
9 with Josefina Torres, and the couple went on to share a rewarding
10 marriage until her passing; he took great pride in their 4 children,
11 Patricia, Andrew, Rene, and David, and over the years, he had the
12 pleasure of seeing their family grow to include 6 grandchildren and
13 15 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, First called to the ministry in 1956, Mr. Villarreal
15 attended Southern Christian College, Colegio Biblico, Howard Payne
16 University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; over
17 the course of nearly four decades, he served as the pastor of
18 churches at communities across Texas, including in Coleman,
19 Weslaco, and McAllen, and he retired in 1996, following nearly 20
20 years of service with congregations in San Antonio; he founded the
21 Hispanic Senior Adult Camp in 1993, and he later expanded its
22 mission by establishing Campamento Maranatha Para Adultos Mayores
23 de Tejas; he also held leadership roles in many other ministerial
24 organizations, such as the Asociación Bautista de Rio Grande

1 Valley, the Asociación Bautista Mexicana de San Antonio, Inc., and
2 the Reunión de Pastores Mayores de San Antonio; and

3 WHEREAS, Setting an inspiring example of faith in action,
4 Andrew Villarreal enriched the lives of countless people through
5 his spiritual leadership, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
6 long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Andrew
10 H. Villarreal and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
11 family: to his children, Patricia Ann Villarreal, Andrew Villarreal
12 Jr. and his wife, Debbie, Rene Villarreal and his wife, Sylvia, and
13 David Villarreal and his wife, Deborah; to his grandchildren,
14 Marisa, Erik, Michael, Michele, Marleen, and Daniella; to his
15 great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and friends;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Andrew
20 Villarreal.