

By: Villalobos

H.R. No. 194

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert Maurice Galvan Sr., a valued member of the  
2 Corpus Christi community and a friend to many, passed away on  
3 January 7, 2025, at the age of 95; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Rafael and Virginia Galvan, Bobby Galvan  
5 was born in Corpus Christi on July 10, 1929, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of eight siblings; a talented musician from an early  
7 age, he played clarinet in the 1947 All-State Band; after  
8 graduating from Corpus Christi High School, he attended Del Mar  
9 College before going on to earn his bachelor's degree from St.  
10 Mary's University in 1953; answering his nation's call to duty, he  
11 served in the United States Air Force, and he was a member of the  
12 USAF Band of the West and the Army Reserve Band; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Galvan began his career as an educator and  
14 touring musician, playing with a number of big bands, such as the  
15 Bobby Galvan Orchestra, Art Mooney Orchestra, Luis Alcaraz  
16 Orchestra, and Gene Krupa Orchestra; in 1960, he established Galvan  
17 Music Company, and he went on to manage the Galvan Ballroom and  
18 Galvan Rental; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1965, Mr. Galvan exchanged vows with the former  
20 Alicia Varela, and the couple shared a fulfilling union that  
21 spanned 54 years until her passing; he took great pride in their two  
22 children, Bobby and Guadalupe, and over the years, his family grew  
23 to include a granddaughter, Lexi; and

24           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Galvan was president of

1 Sembradores de Amistad of Corpus Christi and a founding member of  
2 the Westside Business Association; he was also pivotal in creating  
3 the Texas Jazz Festival, and he performed on the lineup for decades;  
4 in recognition of his contributions, he received awards from LULAC  
5 Council No. 1 and the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, and in 2013 he  
6 was inducted into the Corpus Christi Business Hall of Fame by Junior  
7 Achievement of the Coastal Bend; and

8 WHEREAS, While the passing of Bobby Galvan brings great  
9 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that  
10 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Maurice Galvan  
14 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to  
15 his son, Robert M. "Bobby" Galvan Jr., and his wife, Deeanne; to his  
16 granddaughter, Jacqueline Alicia "Lexi" Galvan; and to his many  
17 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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