

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Mission lost an admired civic leader
2 and a friend to many with the passing of Benjamin Cavazos on
3 March 8, 2025, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Poulina Sepulveda, Ben Cavazos was born
5 in Sharyland on May 5, 1930; he graduated from Sharyland High School
6 and received specialized training in the U.S. Army; after working
7 for Cameron Electric in McAllen, he cofounded Mission Auto
8 Electric, and he soon bought out his partner; the company
9 flourished, becoming MAE Power Equipment on its 50th anniversary in
10 2004; over the years, Mr. Cavazos mentored countless employees, as
11 well as customers who started lawn care businesses, and he was
12 founder and charter president of the Texas Service Dealers
13 Organization; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1965, Mr. Cavazos joined the Mission Chamber of
15 Commerce, and today, MAE Power Equipment is its longest-tenured
16 member; he was also a founder of the Citrus Cavaliers, who served as
17 city ambassadors with the chamber; during more than a half century
18 with the Mission Kiwanis Club, he was its announcer for the Texas
19 Citrus Fiesta Parade and served several terms as president; in
20 addition, he was a member of the Mission Jaycees, and he served on
21 the Mission hospital board for almost two decades; as a parishioner
22 of Saint Paul Catholic Church, he was active in the Cursillo
23 Movement and the men's group; he received myriad accolades for his
24 contributions, including selection as the 1980 City of Mission Man

1 of the Year, as the 1984 Mr. Mission, and as the 2019 Business
2 Leader of the Year by the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cavazos and his first wife, Margarita Cuevas,
4 became the proud parents of three children, Benjamin, Joe, and
5 Teresa; following the amicable end of their union, he was fortunate
6 enough to find love a second time, and he married Rita Cavazos in
7 1968; they were blessed with two children, Martha and Oscar;
8 Mr. Cavazos loved family road trips and always brought home
9 wonderful stories, and he considered any occasion a good reason for
10 a party; and

11 WHEREAS, Ben Cavazos gave freely of his time and talents to
12 benefit his community, and although he is deeply missed by those he
13 has left behind, they will forever treasure their memories of his
14 wisdom, kindness, and geniality; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Benjamin Cavazos and
17 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
18 children, Benjamin Lee Cavazos, Joe Hector Cavazos, Teresa
19 Bourbois, Martha Claudia Cavazos Fipps, and Oscar Antonio Cavazos,
20 and their spouses; to his 12 grandchildren and 13
21 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ben
26 Cavazos.

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H.R. No. 879

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 879 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House