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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Antonio Gonzales of Austin, who passed away on April 6,
3 2025, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Rudolfo and Anita R. Gonzales, Tony
5 Gonzales was born on February 11, 1955, and he grew up in East
6 Austin with the companionship of 12 siblings, Victoria, Elida,
7 Dora, Rudy, Mary, Virgie, Robert, Judy, Amelia, Alesia, Herman, and
8 Melissa; he attended Brooke Elementary School, where his passion
9 for drawing, sketching, and creating art began, and he graduated
10 from Johnston High School in 1974; he went on to work for the State
11 of Texas and retired after 25 years of service; and

12 WHEREAS, A respected artist and muralist and a pillar of the
13 East Austin community, Mr. Gonzales celebrated his Mexican American
14 heritage through his work, and he shared his creative gifts with a
15 number of local businesses and organizations, such as Arte Texas
16 and Don Dario's Mexican restaurant; he also enjoyed creating
17 portraits of prominent figures in the Tejano music industry;
18 through the years, he received numerous awards in recognition of
19 his talent, and among the many highlights of his artistic career was
20 his participation in the restoration of the beloved mural *La*
21 *Lotería* on East Cesar Chavez Street; his work was also featured in
22 the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center's group
23 exhibit titled *La Lucha Sigue: Eastside Stories*; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gonzales benefited from

1 the love and support of his wife, Rachel, with whom he shared a
2 fulfilling relationship that spanned nearly five decades; he took
3 great pride in his daughters, Lori and Julie, and with the passing
4 years, he had the privilege of watching his family grow to include
5 four grandchildren, Serena, Andrew, Katelyn, and Nayeli, and two
6 great-grandchildren, Cristian and Anthony; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Antonio Gonzales and
13 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
14 further

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