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S.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Baytown lost a beloved civic leader  
2 with the passing of former mayor Pedro Cuellar Alfaro on  
3 December 11, 2023, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Felipe and Victoriana Alfaro, Pedro  
5 "Pete" Alfaro was born on August 10, 1940; after graduating from The  
6 University of Texas at Austin, he was hired as an electrical  
7 engineer by ExxonMobil, where he was employed for more than three  
8 decades; he shared a fulfilling 61-year marriage with his wife,  
9 Guadalupe, and they were blessed with four children, Debi, who  
10 preceded him in death, Priscilla, Sandra, and Paul; offering  
11 unconditional support, he attended their activities whenever  
12 possible as they grew up and encouraged their friends as well; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Alfaro was elected as Baytown's first Hispanic  
14 mayor in 1989, and over the next 11 years, he worked tirelessly for  
15 the betterment of his community; his vision, determination, and  
16 positive relationships with state officials were instrumental in  
17 the completion of the Fred Hartman Bridge over the Houston Ship  
18 Channel, and he advocated powerfully for improving other  
19 infrastructure; he was a mentor to innumerable people while in  
20 office and served in many other leadership roles, including member  
21 of the board of San Jacinto Hospital, chair of the board of regents  
22 of Lee College, and president of the Rotary Club of Baytown; in  
23 addition, he provided his expertise to Bay Area Homeless Services;  
24 during 27 years on the board of Houston Methodist Baytown, he

1 chaired the Patient and Family Advisory Council; the hospital named  
2 its Lupe and Pete Alfaro Clinical Education and Training Facility  
3 in honor of him and his wife, and among other accolades, he was  
4 named 2004 *Baytown Sun* Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Pete Alfaro made a lasting, positive difference in  
6 his community, and those he left behind will forever treasure their  
7 memories of his warmth, kindness, and wonderful sense of humor;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
10 hereby pay tribute to the life of Pedro Cuellar Alfaro and extend  
11 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
12 Guadalupe Alfaro; to his children, Dr. Priscilla Alfaro, Sandra  
13 Rodriguez and her husband, Manny, and Paul Alfaro and his wife,  
14 Amanda; to his grandchildren, Christopher, Marissa, Austin,  
15 Alexis, Mikaela, Emily, Nicholas, and Kelsey; and to his many other  
16 relatives and host of friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
19 day, it do so in memory of Pete Alfaro.