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H.R. No. 248

# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Cruz Reyes Hinojosa Sr. of Houston on  
3 February 4, 2023, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Luis and Cipriana Hinojosa, Cruz Hinojosa  
5 was born on May 3, 1933, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and he grew up in the  
6 Second Ward of Houston with his five siblings, Jim, Louis, Ray,  
7 Minnie, and Viola; he attended Sam Houston High School, where he was  
8 quarterback of the football team; and

9 WHEREAS, On March 2, 1952, Mr. Hinojosa married the love of  
10 his life, Susie, and they were blessed with nine children, Cruz,  
11 Joe, Sylvia, Damian, Susie, Thomas, John, Sarah, and Michael; with  
12 the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to  
13 include 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hinojosa valiantly served his country as a  
15 member of the U.S. Air Force; during his 21 years in uniform, he was  
16 stationed in locations around the globe, including Alaska, Germany,  
17 and Thailand; following his retirement, he returned to Houston and  
18 became a purchasing agent for Texas Southern University; and

19 WHEREAS, A leader in inner-city Houston, Mr. Hinojosa took an  
20 active role in politics and served as a community development  
21 commissioner and precinct judge; he was instrumental in the  
22 renovation of Eastwood Park and the development of the Flores  
23 Neighborhood Library, and he spent years coaching baseball,  
24 softball, and basketball; he was also active in such organizations

1 as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus  
2 Council No. 7230; in his leisure time, he enjoyed singing and  
3 dancing, and he played a variety of sports throughout his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his  
5 community, Cruz Hinojosa earned the lasting respect and admiration  
6 of all who were privileged to know him, and he will be fondly  
7 remembered and deeply missed; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cruz Reyes Hinojosa  
10 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends;  
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cruz  
15 Hinojosa.