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Do you know the saying, “If opportunity knocks, will you open the door?”

George Gomez and Paul Canady have opened that door to opportunity again and again during their building careers, eventually leading to the launch of their own business, Res Com Custom Builders, in late 2015. Gomez serves as CEO, while Canady is COO.

Soon after they started Res Com, Hurricane Harvey flooded Houston, proving, as Albert Einstein said, “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”

“Harvey was bad for the city, but it gave our company a focus,” Gomez noted. They renovated 40 homes in their

own neighborhoods and for friends and family in the following months. “We were really able to help a lot of people” and in doing so, they generated “enough capital to really get the company going.”

They soon established an office in Katy and hired an office manager. Other employees who joined the company more recently include a project manager/superintendent and a project coordinator who focuses on helping clients with selections.

“We feel our experience in the industry sets us apart. With almost 40 years of combined experience between us, there isn’t much that Paul and I haven’t seen in the residential



world. That knowledge and experience is the value we bring to each project,” Gomez declared.

Because of Hurricane Harvey, Res Com transitioned from the typical remodeling jobs to specializing in major renovations, such as adding a second story or a large master suite addition on the back of a house.

“It takes a great deal of thought and planning to successfully execute large renovations, given the numerous moving parts involved,” Gomez explained. He highlighted the uniqueness of such projects, sharing an example where the company converted a winery/wedding venue into a guest house in Columbus, skillfully preserving elements of the original winery.”

At the same time, Res Com specializes in kitchen remodeling, bathroom remodeling, and whole-house renovations in addition to creating outdoor spaces, pool renovations and unique spaces, such as attic conversions. Res Com builds occasional custom and inventory homes too.

As Jonas Salk said, “The opportunity for work well done is the opportunity to do more.” The company usually juggles anywhere from 15 to 30 projects at a time.





A core value of Res Com is that the owners stand by their work and continue service after completion of a project, Gomez said. Res Com was named twice as Remodeler of the Year by the Greater Houston Builders Association and also won the Prism Award in 2023 and 2022 in addition to receiving Best of Houzz Service awards in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

Located in Katy, Res Com’s greater Houston service area includes The Woodlands, Conroe, Cypress, Hockley, Humble, Katy, Kingwood, Magnolia, New Caney, Spring, Sugarland and Tomball. Because each owner handles the bids and calls for his own projects, George oversees projects north of I-10 and Paul focuses on projects south of I-10 for practical purposes related to where they live. They are on-site for every project. George said he learned when working for a production builder that walking a house every day helps avoid problems.

He also learned that “just throwing up houses” is a “numbers game” and not very fulfilling. He carried 30-40 houses at one time and then supervised the completion of the recreation center of Tamarron, the nation’s largest housing development at that time.

When Paul Canady approached him about starting their own company, George took a couple of days to decide if he could step so far out of his comfort zone. As Benjamin Disraeli said, “One secret of success in life is for a man to





be ready for his opportunity when it comes.” George said, “I feel we’re destined for certain things. It felt like one of those pivotal moments.”

Gomez studied accounting at the University of Houston with the intention of becoming a certified public accountant. But an internship in the customer service department of a builder exposed him to new opportunities. His work ethic impressed the managers, and they offered him a job. “God puts you in the right place at the right time,” he said. He found joy in putting people into homes where they can be safe and comfortable. “There are very few jobs where you can have such an impact.”

No doubt George knows something about seizing opportunities from his dad, Javier Gomez, whom he calls his hero. After immigrating to Houston from Mexico, Javier worked six days a week as butcher for Fiesta Mart to provide opportunities for his children. “He came here without anything, starting at the bottom, for us to have opportunity and education.”

George Gomez learned those lessons from his father well, seizing both opportunity and education along his own life’s journey.





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