

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Celestino Mendez Jr., who died on May 8, 2022, at the  
3 age of 91; and

4           WHEREAS, Celestino Mendez was born in San Marcos on  
5 September 10, 1930, to Celestino Mendez Sr. and Amalia Mendez, and  
6 he grew up with five siblings, Ruth, Servando, Cecilia, Alicia, and  
7 Helen; and

8           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Mendez  
9 served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; in civilian  
10 life, he committed himself to serving his beloved San Marcos  
11 community, promoting education and fighting for equal rights and  
12 equal opportunities for minorities; in the mid-1960s, he was  
13 president of the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School  
14 District board, and he was a founding board member of Centro  
15 Cultural Hispano de San Marcos; he remained dedicated to his fellow  
16 veterans as a lifelong member of the American GI Forum, which he  
17 served for many years as commander; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Mendez shared a rewarding marriage with his  
19 wife, Monica, and he was a loving father to his daughters, Monique  
20 and Rose, his stepson, Andrew, and his son, the late Jeffrey Wayne  
21 Mendez; and

22           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a respected community leader,  
23 and a proud veteran, Celestino Mendez lived a full and generous life  
24 devoted to the service of others, and he leaves behind a legacy that

1 will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Celestino  
5 Mendez Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
6 family: to his wife, Monica Mendez; to his daughters, Monique  
7 Mendez and Rose Mendez Segrave and her husband, Brian; to his  
8 stepson, Andrew Mendez, and his wife, Alejandra; to his former  
9 wife, Elida Simmons; to his sister, Ruth Mendez Rosales; and to his  
10 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 644

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 644 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 30, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House