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H.R. No. 644

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.