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H.R. No. 110

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of longtime Austinite Javier G. Corona
2 on July 19, 2003, at the age of 76, brought a great loss to the
3 family, friends, and fellow citizens of this former diplomat and
4 renowned restaurateur; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on April 20, 1927, in Mexico City, Mr. Corona
6 came to Austin with his family in 1982 and established Las Palomas
7 Restaurant on Valentine's Day the following year; one of the first
8 Austin restaurants to offer authentic interior Mexican cuisine, Las
9 Palomas features the recipes of Amelia Corona, Mr. Corona's wife of
10 43 years, and it remains one of the city's most highly regarded and
11 popular dining establishments; and

12 WHEREAS, A man of artistic and musical talent, Mr. Corona
13 studied art in Mexico City and New York City, but not before earning
14 degrees in accounting and advertising in order to appease his
15 father; he later entered the world of diplomacy, working at the
16 Mexican Consulate in Montreal for three years and then embarking on
17 a 28-year career as a cultural attaché at the American Embassy in
18 Mexico City; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Corona was a dedicated promoter of American arts
20 and artists, and his efforts in that regard were recognized when he
21 was presented with the Superior Honor Award, the highest accolade
22 bestowed on a Mexican citizen by the United States government; he
23 retired from diplomatic service in 1982 and moved his family to
24 Austin shortly thereafter; and

1 WHEREAS, Javier Corona played many roles during his long and
2 fruitful life, but none was more important than his role as husband
3 and father; although he will be deeply missed by his wife and
4 children, his spirit will shine on in their hearts and in the hearts
5 of all those who knew and loved him; his art and artistry remain as a
6 reminder of his talent, and his legacy of success will not soon be
7 forgotten by the citizens of Austin; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
10 Javier G. Corona and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
11 family: to his wife, Amelia Corona; to his children, Amelia
12 Pitchford, Maricarmen Dale, Javier Corona, Jr., and Alexandra
13 Corona; to his sisters, Mireya Gonzalez and Hilda Vergara; to his
14 grandchildren, Alex Dale, Chris Dale, Sterling Pitchford, and
15 Javier Corona III; and to the many other relatives and friends of
16 this esteemed and beloved gentleman; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Javier G.
20 Corona.