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H.R. No. 230

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio community has suffered a profound
2 loss with the passing of committed advocate and community leader
3 Herschel "Herky" Bernard on April 28, 2004, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Bernard was born and raised in
5 the Alamo City; he graduated from Jefferson High School and worked
6 hard to put himself through the University of Wisconsin before
7 going on to earn a law degree from The University of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman held a private practice in
9 business and tax law, where he served his clients with the utmost
10 distinction; in addition, he was a key figure in the Bexar County
11 Democratic Coalition, and used his many talents in support of
12 coalition-backed candidates; and

13 WHEREAS, With a fiery spirit fueled by love, charity, and an
14 unerring sense of fairness, Mr. Bernard devoted his life to helping
15 the underprivileged and underrepresented achieve justice, freedom,
16 and equality; as a young man, he helped to integrate Joske's
17 restaurants, and the bold advocacy he displayed throughout his life
18 was motivated by moral obligation, rather than personal gain; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard was highly regarded by his community as
20 a mentor, and countless people claimed him as a dear friend; he
21 served as a shining example of benevolence, charity, and activism,
22 and his legacy of achievements will not soon be forgotten; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

1 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
2 life of Herschel "Herky" Bernard and extend deepest sympathy to his
3 family: to his wife, Loretta; to his sons, Michael and Jeremy; to
4 his grandchildren, Samuel and Sophia; to his sisters, Gerta Katz
5 and Sylvia Thompson; and to the other relatives and many friends of
6 this beloved gentleman; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
9 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Herschel
10 Bernard.