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H.R. No. 286

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Winston Martin is an outstanding leader whose  
2 commitment to the city of San Antonio is truly deserving of special  
3 recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, A native son of the Alamo City, Winston Martin  
5 served as both the city's first director of planning and its first  
6 director of urban renewal; he drafted the master plan that shaped  
7 the course of San Antonio into the 1970s and has been the innovator  
8 behind such renowned local developments as El Mercado, RiverCenter  
9 Mall, and UTSA's Downtown Campus; and

10           WHEREAS, Under Mr. Martin's leadership, the Urban Renewal  
11 Agency, now known as the San Antonio Development Agency (SADA),  
12 acquired funds to obtain the 92 acres that became HemisFair,  
13 renovated the Market Square and Washington Square areas, and  
14 acquired and cleared the land that eventually would become home to  
15 the Alamodome; other SADA projects that he administered include  
16 restorations at St. Paul Square, Avenida Guadalupe, and the New  
17 Braunfels corridor; and

18           WHEREAS, The man behind the construction of more than 400 new  
19 homes in the near Westside and the founder of H.I.P., the city's  
20 most successful housing rehabilitation effort, Mr. Martin was  
21 drafted by Henry Cisneros in the 1990s to be the housing secretary's  
22 special assistant on border colonia programs; since 2000, Mr.  
23 Martin has worked alongside Mr. Cisneros for American CityVista, a  
24 San Antonio-based housing development corporation that provides

1 housing to neglected inner-city neighborhoods; and

2 WHEREAS, At 80 years young, Mr. Martin recently stepped down  
3 as president of American Sunrise, a nonprofit company that he  
4 cofounded to provide affordable housing to middle-income families  
5 with credit problems; although he plans to curtail his hours as vice  
6 president of American CityVista, this amazing octogenarian will no  
7 doubt remain an active force with the organization and continue his  
8 consulting work for smaller cities; and

9 WHEREAS, Winston Martin has played a pivotal role in making  
10 San Antonio the charming and vibrant community it is today, and his  
11 remarkable achievements have produced results of lasting benefit to  
12 the community's citizens and visitors; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th  
14 Texas Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Winston Martin  
15 for his extraordinary accomplishments as a civic planner and that  
16 he be commended for his myriad contributions to the development and  
17 progress of his beloved hometown; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Martin as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.