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H.C.R. No. 9

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Uvalde lost a distinguished
2 community leader and Chicano activist on July 6, 2002, when Amaro
3 Cardona passed away, leaving a host of friends and admirers to
4 deeply mourn his untimely death; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 17, 1950, Mr. Cardona demonstrated
6 from an early age a firm resolve to challenge social injustice; as a
7 high school student in Uvalde, he became involved in a local chapter
8 of the Mexican American Youth Organization, which had recently been
9 established in San Antonio; Mr. Cardona began organizing fellow
10 Latino students in Uvalde, leading a protest against police
11 brutality and encouraging pride in the students' Chicano heritage;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, He also developed a determination to address
14 community and social issues through the political process; during
15 his senior year in high school, he worked tirelessly in behalf of
16 Gabriel Tafolla's race for the state legislature, and in the 1970s
17 he gave support to the Raza Unida Party; and

18 WHEREAS, Impelled by a genuine desire to serve his fellow
19 citizens and possessing an instinct for finding solutions, Mr.
20 Cardona ran for and won a seat on the county commissioners court in
21 1982; he was reelected in 1986 and won a third term in 2002, taking
22 51 percent of the vote in a four-way race; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to his efforts in the political arena
24 and in public service, Mr. Cardona sought to effect positive change

1 through his work for Texas Rural Legal Aid and for the 38th Judicial
2 District probation department; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Amaro Cardona demonstrated an
4 unyielding determination to correct society's injustices; his
5 dedication and compassion, together with his cheerful nature and
6 legendary sense of humor, earned him the lasting respect and
7 affection of countless friends and community residents, and his
8 spirit will forever brighten and warm their hearts; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby pay special tribute to the life of Amaro Cardona and extend
12 sincere sympathy to his sons, Adrian and Rogelio, and to the other
13 members of his family and his many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
17 Amaro Cardona.