

By: Gallego

H.C.R. No. 287

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul C. Moreno has established an
2 outstanding record of service not only to the members of his
3 community but to Texans everywhere during his longstanding tenure
4 in the Texas Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, In his youth, he attended The University of Texas at
6 Austin School of Law where he prepared himself for what would become
7 a long and distinguished career of dedicated public service; and

8 WHEREAS, He won his first election in 1966 at a time when
9 Mexican-American legislators were few in number and lacking in
10 influence; today he is looked on by the members of the
11 Mexican-American Legislative Caucus as a mentor and role model who
12 has broken down barriers and opened doors of opportunity for them as
13 well as for members of the communities they represent; and

14 WHEREAS, A passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor,
15 the disabled, and the disenfranchised, he sought and received
16 committee assignments that allowed him to represent constituencies
17 whose voices are not always among the most powerful; currently a
18 member of the house committees on Business and Industry and on
19 Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, he has also served in recent
20 sessions on the Appropriations Committee as well as the Committee
21 on Higher Education; and

22 WHEREAS, Now an elder statesman serving his 18th term in the
23 House of Representatives and the second most senior house member,
24 Representative Moreno rightfully has earned the esteem of his

1 constituents and of his many colleagues through the years for his
2 forthright and uncompromising approach to the ideals of public
3 service; and

4 WHEREAS, His achievements as the longest-serving
5 Mexican-American legislator in Texas history are worthy of
6 recognition, and his colleagues have proposed naming the state
7 office building in El Paso in his honor as a fitting tribute; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby extend its appreciation to State Representative Paul C.
11 Moreno for his devotion to public service and encourage the State
12 Building and Procurement Commission to name the state office
13 building in El Paso the Paul C. Moreno State Office Building; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
16 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the
17 State Building and Procurement Commission.