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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Residents of San Antonio lost a beloved neighbor,
friend, and community leader with the passing of Henry C. Morales on
April 20, 2002, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Morales was born in Seguin on October 27, 1930, and moved with his family to San Marcos; he graduated from San Marcos High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwest Texas State University, where he met his wife, Felicia, when he sang on the radio and she was his accompanist; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman served four years in the 11 United States Army during the 1940s; he was commissioned as an 12 officer in the Army Reserves in 1957, later retiring with the rank 13 of lieutenant colonel; and

14 WHEREAS, Long committed to the youth of this state, Mr. 15 Morales began a career in education as a teacher at Cenizo Park 16 Elementary School in Edgewood Independent School District (ISD); 17 over the ensuing years, he built on that experience for his jobs 18 with Southcross Junior High School, the Sheltered Workshop for 19 Retarded Young Adults, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and the 20 Bilingual Education Program of South San Antonio ISD; and

21 WHEREAS, From 1970 to 1986, Mr. Morales served as the 22 director of student aid for Trinity University, and through his 23 dedication to the students he won the respect and admiration of all 24 who knew him; following that position, he worked in the Northside

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1 ISD for some 15 years before retiring in 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, During his free time, Mr. Morales was an active 3 member of his community, giving generously of his time and talents 4 to a host of noteworthy organizations, including Project STAY, the 5 Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation, the Baumberger Endowment Fund, and 6 the Salvation Army; he also served six years as the treasurer of the 7 Northwest Democrats and was a dedicated member of El Divino 8 Salvador United Methodist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Henry Morales was a devoted family man, teacher, and 10 civic leader, and while he is greatly missed, his memory lives on in 11 the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now, 12 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 13 14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry C. Morales and 15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of nearly 47 years, Felicia Castillo Morales; to his sons and their 16 spouses, Dan and Christi Morales, Ron and Kibbie Morales, and 17 Michael and Barbra Morales; to his six grandchildren, Michael 18 Tristan, Kaitlan, Greyden Neal, Shayne Neal, Jonathan Stone, and 19 Jude David; to his sister, Beatrice Sochia; to his nieces, nephews, 20 21 and cousins; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further 22

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Henry C. Morales.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 489 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 25, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House