

By: Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 489

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Morales was born in Seguin on  
5 October 27, 1930, and moved with his family to San Marcos; he  
6 graduated from San Marcos High School and earned bachelor's and  
7 master's degrees from Southwest Texas State University, where he  
8 met his wife, Felicia, when he sang on the radio and she was his  
9 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

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

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
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  
16 nearly 47 years, Felicia Castillo Morales; to his sons and their  
17 spouses, Dan and Christi Morales, Ron and Kibbie Morales, and  
18 Michael and Barbra Morales; to his six grandchildren, Michael  
19 Tristan, Kaitlan, Greyden Neal, Shayne Neal, Jonathan Stone, and  
20 Jude David; to his sister, Beatrice Sochia; to his nieces, nephews,  
21 and cousins; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
22 further

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