

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio lost a distinguished  
2 community activist, political sage, and printer when Ruben Munguia,  
3 Sr., of Prospect Hill passed away on March 19, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1919, Mr. Munguia learned about politics  
5 early in his life from his father, Romulo Munguia, Sr., who was an  
6 active supporter of the reform movement in the 1910 Mexican  
7 Revolution and who moved to San Antonio and started Munguia  
8 Printers; and

9           WHEREAS, Following service in the Army Air Corps during World  
10 War II, the younger Mr. Munguia returned to the family's printing  
11 business, and over the next six decades he operated what became the  
12 first Mexican American plant in the United States to be organized  
13 and accredited by the AFL-CIO; in addition to being a successful  
14 business, the Prospect Hill print shop developed into a unique  
15 forum for West Side politicians and others interested in public  
16 affairs; an array of people, including his nephew, former San  
17 Antonio mayor and HUD secretary Henry Cisneros, frequently dropped  
18 by to discuss current issues and seek Mr. Munguia's advice; and

19           WHEREAS, An influential member of the West Side Coalition,  
20 Mr. Munguia was a tireless organizer and brilliant speaker who  
21 championed the rights of minority residents and paved the way for  
22 the Latino leaders of today; an avid reader and self-educated man,  
23 he also sought to empower his fellow minority Texans through his  
24 pen, composing op-ed pieces and columns for local newspapers and

1 publishing political pamphlets and manifestos; and

2 WHEREAS, He conducted his activism at the grassroots level  
3 and made valuable contributions through his efforts on the VIA  
4 board, the Airport Advisory Committee, the Market Square  
5 Commission, and the City Charter Review Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, The sagacity, courage, and vision of Mr. Munguia  
7 will be profoundly missed, but the positive and far-reaching  
8 influence that he had on this world will endure; now, therefore, be  
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the remarkable life of  
12 Ruben Munguia, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
13 his family: to his beloved wife of 59 years, Martha I. Munguia; to  
14 his son, Ruben Munguia, Jr.; to his two daughters, Martha M. Ybarra  
15 and Mary M. Perales; to his five grandchildren; to his three  
16 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Elvira Cisneros; to his two  
17 brothers, William Munguia and Romulo Munguia, Jr.; and to his other  
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben  
22 Munguia, Sr.

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 701

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 701 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 25, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House