

By: Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 701

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.