

By: Martinez Fischer

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio has lost a talented doctor
2 and distinguished citizen with the passing of Dr. Enrique M. Galan
3 on May 1, 2003, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Galan was born on October 29, 1934, in Havana,
5 Cuba; he graduated from the University of Havana in 1952 and
6 attended medical school at the University of Havana and the
7 University of Mexico City, receiving his medical degree from the
8 University of Madrid, Spain, in 1962; and

9 WHEREAS, After earning his degree, Dr. Galan continued his
10 studies at Harvard Medical School; he began his pediatric residency
11 in Providence, R.I., and completed it at Children's Hospital Boston
12 where he was the recipient of a two-year fellowship in pediatric
13 nephrology; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Galan immigrated to the United States of America
15 in 1962; proud of his new citizenship, he joined the U.S. Navy in
16 1967, serving two years as a lieutenant commander at the Naval Air
17 Station in Corpus Christi before being honorably discharged; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1970, Dr. Galan and his family settled in San
19 Antonio, where he opened his private practice and for three decades
20 served the health care needs of countless young people; in 2000, he
21 sold his practice but continued to work part time in the San Antonio
22 Pediatric Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Galan made important contributions through his
24 involvement in numerous professional organizations; he was a

1 lifetime member of the Bexar County Medical Society, American
2 Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Pediatric
3 Society, and San Antonio Pediatric Society; in addition, he shared
4 his time and expertise as a clinical assistant professor at The
5 University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio; and

6 WHEREAS, A valued member of his community, Dr. Galan attended
7 St. Luke Catholic Church and belonged to the Cuban Cultural Center
8 of San Antonio; an avid racquetball player, he was rightfully proud
9 of his induction into the Hall of Fame of the International
10 Frontennis Association in Miami, Florida; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Galan touched the lives of people in a real and
12 significant way through his work in medicine, and his spirit will
13 live on in the hearts of those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Dr. Enrique
16 Galan and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
17 his wife of 40 years, Maria del Pilar Galan; to his five children
18 and their spouses, Dr. Henry L. Galan and Amy Weiser, Joseph M.
19 Galan, Francis X. Galan and Emma Mata, Dr. John P. Galan and Blanca
20 Olguin, and Mark A. Galan and Jennifer Savoy; to his seven
21 grandchildren, John Andrew, Nicole Gabriela, Jacob, Hank, Nicolas,
22 and John Luke; to his sisters, Maria Christina Messer, Lourdes
23 Milian, and Mary Grace Galan; and to his other relatives and many
24 friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of Enrique
4 M. Galan.