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S.C.R. No. 64

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul C. Moreno has established an
3 outstanding record of service not only to the members of his
4 community by to Texans everywhere during his longstanding tenure in
5 the Texas Legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931 and has been a
7 lifelong resident of El Paso County where he received both his
8 primary and secondary education from the El Paso Independent School
9 District in South El Paso and then went on to serve six years in the
10 United States Marine Corps, his tour of duty being with the 1st
11 Marine Division in Korea; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of his participation in Korea, and as a
13 tribute to his service to the country, Mr. Moreno was awarded the
14 following citations:

- 15 1. U.S. Presidential Unit Citation with Two Bronze Stars
- 16 2. Korean Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf
17 Cluster
- 18 3. Korean Service Medal with one Silver and One Bronze Star
- 19 4. The National Defense Service Medal
- 20 5. Good Conduct Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, After earning his B.B.A degree at Texas Western
22 College, now known as The University of Texas at El Paso, Mr. Moreno
23 went on to The University of Texas Law School where he prepared for
24 what would become a long and distinguished career of dedicated

1 public service, and is currently a member of the State Bar of Texas,
2 the El Paso Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and
3 was co-founder of the El Paso Legal Assistance; and

4 WHEREAS, He won his first election in 1966 at a time when
5 Mexican-American legislators were few in numbers and lacking in
6 influence; today he is considered the "Watch Dog" and the
7 "Conscience of the House" by his peers is looked on by the members
8 of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus as a mentor and role
9 model who has broken down barriers and opened doors of opportunity
10 for them as well as for members of the communities they represent;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor,
13 the disabled, the disenfranchised, and education, he sought and
14 received committee assignments that allowed him to represent
15 constituencies whose voices are not always among the most powerful;
16 currently a member of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues
17 Committee, he has also served in recent sessions on the
18 Appropriations Committee as well as the Committee on Higher
19 Education; and

20 WHEREAS, Now an elder statesman serving his 18th term in the
21 House of Representatives and the second most senior House member,
22 Representative Moreno rightfully has earned the esteem of his
23 constituents and of his colleagues through the years of his
24 forthright and uncompromising approach to the ideals of public
25 service; and

26 WHEREAS, His achievements as the longest-serving
27 Mexican-American legislator in Texas history are worthy of

1 recognition, and his colleagues have proposed naming the state
2 office building in El Paso in his honor as a fitting tribute; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby extend its appreciation to State Representative Paul C.
6 Moreno for his years of devotion to public service and encourage the
7 Texas Building and Procurement Commission to name the state office
8 building in El Paso the Paul C. Moreno State Office Building; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State forward an official
11 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the
12 Texas Building and Procurement Commission.