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H.R. No. 438

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Manuel O. Narvaez on May 28,
2 2005, at the age of 76, the citizens of Corpus Christi have lost an
3 eloquent advocate for working people, an outspoken opponent of
4 injustice, and a loyal friend; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Falfurrias, Mr. Narvaez attended the
6 University of Houston before embarking on his life's work as a labor
7 leader and civil rights activist; and

8 WHEREAS, An employee of the Reynolds Metal Company for three
9 decades, Mr. Narvaez was also the employee and civil rights
10 coordinator for District 37 of the United Steelworkers of America,
11 overseeing the union's efforts in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, He played an instrumental role in the federal
14 lawsuit of *Cisneros et al. v. Corpus Christi Independent School*
15 *District*, a watershed decision that hastened court-ordered
16 integration and marked a significant step forward in securing the
17 civil rights of Mexican Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, His dedicated efforts in behalf of his fellowman
19 were an apt expression of the ideals of justice and fair play on
20 which our nation was founded, and he leaves behind an inspiring
21 legacy of achievement that will continue to benefit generations of
22 Texans to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 Manuel O. Narvaez and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
2 family: to his wife, Mary; to his son, Manuel Narvaez, Jr.; to his
3 daughters, Olga Varela, Mary Jane Saldivar, Diana Gonzalez, and
4 Elizabeth Lerma; to his 12 grandchildren and 19
5 great-grandchildren; and to his other family members and many
6 friends and admirers; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
9 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Manuel
10 O. Narvaez.