

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, State Representative Joe E. Moreno, a greatly  
2 esteemed member of the Texas House of Representatives, was lost to  
3 his loved ones and the State of Texas far too soon when he died on  
4 May 6, 2005, and on the first anniversary of his passing, his family  
5 and friends are celebrating the life of this remarkable man; and

6           WHEREAS, First elected to the legislature in 1998,  
7 Representative Moreno took tremendous joy in public service and was  
8 deeply devoted to his community; a Houston native and a resident of  
9 Denver Harbor, he belonged to Resurrection Catholic Church, held  
10 membership in the Harris County Tejano Democrats and LULAC Council  
11 No. 60, served as Democratic chair and election judge for Harris  
12 County Precinct No. 62, and was an ardent basketball fan and  
13 supporter of the Houston Rockets; and

14           WHEREAS, Before assuming office himself, Joe Moreno honed his  
15 skills as a legislative aide to State Representative Al Luna and as  
16 chief of staff and campaign manager for State Representative  
17 Jessica Farrar; and

18           WHEREAS, During his tenure in the legislature,  
19 Representative Moreno worked hard to improve the quality of life  
20 for Houston citizens and distinguished himself as a tireless  
21 champion of children, the elderly, and Texas schools; one of his  
22 major achievements was the passage in the house of a bill and joint  
23 resolution that helped open the way for the Port of Houston to  
24 become certified as a coffee exchange port by the New York Board of

1 Trade; with the subsequent approval of a constitutional amendment  
2 by Texas voters, Houston became the fourth coffee exchange port in  
3 the nation and the only such port west of the Mississippi River; and

4 WHEREAS, The deep respect felt for Representative Moreno was  
5 reflected in his selection to chair the Harris County house  
6 delegation, a group composed of the 25 legislators representing  
7 Harris County districts; during the 79th Texas Legislature,  
8 Representative Moreno served on the House Committees on Border and  
9 International Affairs and Juvenile Justice and Family Issues; and

10 WHEREAS, In recognition of his tireless efforts in behalf of  
11 Houston citizens and his staunch support of education, the Houston  
12 Independent School District has named a new elementary school in  
13 Representative Moreno's honor; additionally, his family and  
14 friends have established the Joe E. Moreno Scholarship Fund, a  
15 fitting honor for one who believed so fervently in the power of  
16 education to open the door to opportunity; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Moreno is survived by his parents,  
18 Alicia and Frank Moreno; his brother, Mario Moreno, and his wife,  
19 Margot; his sister, Sarah Blancett; his grandmother, Olivia Moreno;  
20 and his nephews, Drake, Andrew, Matthew, and Taylor; and

21 WHEREAS, His family and a host of friends are remembering Joe  
22 Moreno at a memorial Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 8, 2006, in  
23 the Capital City; and

24 WHEREAS, Joe Moreno brought honor to the Texas House of  
25 Representatives, and he counted his legislative colleagues among  
26 his good friends; together with all who treasured him, they  
27 continue to cherish the memory of his genial warmth, his unfailing

1 integrity, and his joyous spirit, and to find renewed inspiration  
2 in his passionate devotion to public service; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
5 the Honorable Joe E. Moreno and express profound appreciation for  
6 his immeasurable contributions to the Lone Star State; and, be it  
7 further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
11 Honorable Joe E. Moreno.

Hernandez  
Farrar  
Anchia

Craddick	Giddings	McReynolds
Allen	Gonzales	Menendez
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Merritt
Anchia	Goodman	Miller
Anderson	Goolsby	Moreno
Bailey	Griggs	Morrison
Berman	Grusendorf	Mowery
Blake	Guillen	Naishtat
Bohac	Haggerty	Nixon
Bonnen	Hamilton	Noriega
Branch	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Kaufman	Hardcastle	Olivo
Brown of Brazos	Harper-Brown	Orr
Burnam	Hartnett	Otto
Callegari	Hegar	Paxton
Campbell	Hernandez	Pena
Casteel	Herrero	Phillips
Castro	Hilderbran	Pickett
Chavez	Hill	Pitts
Chisum	Hochberg	Puente
Coleman	Hodge	Quintanilla
Cook of Navarro	Homer	Raymond
Cook of Colorado	Hope	Reyna
Corte	Hopson	Riddle
Crabb	Howard of Fort Bend	Ritter
Crownover	Howard of Travis	Rodriguez
Davis of Harris	Hughes	Rose
Davis of Dallas	Hunter	Seaman
Dawson	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Delisi	Isett	Smith of Harris
Denny	Jackson	Smithee
Deshotel	Jones of Lubbock	Solis
Driver	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Dukes	Keel	Strama
Dunnam	Keffer of Dallas	Straus
Dutton	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Edwards	King of Parker	Talton
Eiland	King of Zavala	Taylor
Eissler	Kolkhorst	Thompson
Elkins	Krusee	Truitt
England	Kuempel	Turner
Escobar	Laney	Uresti
Farabee	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Farrar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Flores	Luna	Villarreal
Flynn	Madden	Vo
Frost	Martinez	West
Gallego	Martinez Fischer	Wong
Gattis	McCall	Woolley
Geren	McClendon	Zedler

H.R. No. 439

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 439 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2006.

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Chief Clerk of the House