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H.R. No. 439

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.