

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who dedicate themselves to the greater
2 good are truly deserving of our sincere admiration and gratitude,
3 and Vietnam veteran Apolonio Uresti, Jr., is indeed one such
4 individual; and

5 WHEREAS, A second-generation U.S. military veteran and the
6 father of two sons in the military, Mr. Uresti is a member of the Rio
7 Grande Valley veterans group "America's Last Patrol"; he is a
8 recipient of the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the National
9 Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze
10 Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Combat
11 Infantry Badge; and

12 WHEREAS, In November 2005, Mr. Uresti and a group of his
13 fellow servicemen marched from their community in the Rio Grande
14 Valley to the nearest veterans hospital; this veterans march
15 commenced in Edinburg, traversing some 250 miles to the historic
16 site of the Alamo in San Antonio; the march drew attention to the
17 plight of Valley veterans and the distance they are currently
18 forced to travel to seek medical treatment at a veterans hospital in
19 San Antonio; and

20 WHEREAS, In championing the construction of new medical
21 facilities to serve their community, Mr. Uresti and his compatriots
22 seek to exercise the rights for which they fought and to receive due
23 recognition for their service to the country they love; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized

1 Apolonio Uresti, Jr., by authoring this resolution in his behalf
2 during the 3rd Called Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Apolonio Uresti, Jr.,
6 for his distinguished military service and for his efforts to
7 secure better access to medical care for his fellow veterans; and,
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Uresti as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.

Pena

H.R. No. 584

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 584 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House