

By: Pena

H.R. No. 584

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.