

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The community of McAllen lost a respected leader on
2 December 12, 2004, when Judge Fidencio M. Guerra, Sr., passed away
3 at the age of 95, but this dedicated public servant's contributions
4 to his fellow Texans will resonate for many years to come; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 6, 1909, in Jim Hogg County, Judge
6 Guerra was five years old when he moved with his family to McAllen;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Guerra graduated from McAllen High School and
9 The University of Texas at Austin before receiving his law license
10 in 1940, and the following year he met and married his wife, Estela
11 Margo, who would remain his constant companion until her death in
12 1999; with her, he raised seven children, including the late Diana
13 Guerra; and

14 WHEREAS, During World War II, Judge Guerra served his country
15 as an officer of the State Department, and his postings included
16 Bogota, Colombia, and Madrid, Spain; and

17 WHEREAS, After returning to McAllen, he served as a justice
18 of the peace before being appointed an assistant attorney general
19 for the State of Texas and then as presiding judge of the 139th
20 District Court in Edinburg, becoming one of the first Hispanics in
21 the state judiciary, and he would continue to serve as judge for the
22 next 26 years; and

23 WHEREAS, A vital and valued member of the community, Judge
24 Guerra was an active participant in numerous civic organizations,

1 including the Knights of Columbus, the Order of the Alhambra, and
2 the McAllen Rotary Club, and he also drew great strength and
3 sustenance from his fellow worshipers at Our Lady of Sorrows
4 Catholic Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Though his fellow South Texans are saddened at Judge
6 Guerra's passing, they can also derive great inspiration from what
7 was clearly a life well lived; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Fidencio M. Guerra, Sr.,
10 and extend sincere sympathy to his children and their spouses,
11 Robert Guerra, Carlos and Susie Guerra, Fidencio Guerra, Jr., and
12 Mary Lou Love, Brenda Guerra Brooke and Bennett Brooke, Judy Guerra
13 Arnold, and Dr. Daniel J. Guerra; to his sister-in-law, Sister
14 Marian Frances Margo; to his grandchildren and his
15 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends
16 and colleagues; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
20 the Honorable Fidencio M. Guerra, Sr.

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Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
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Burnam	Hegar	Pena
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Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
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Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
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Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
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Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 41 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 3, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 41 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on March 1, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor