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H.C.R. No. 185

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has suffered an immeasurable loss
2 with the tragic death of the Honorable Joseph E. Moreno of Denver
3 Harbor on May 6, 2005, at the age of 40; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on August 12, 1964, Representative
5 Moreno graduated from St. Thomas High School and attended both the
6 University of St. Thomas and Texas Southern University; and

7 WHEREAS, His competence, insight, and genuine interest in
8 making a positive difference in the state earned him a position as a
9 legislative aide to former State Representative Al Luna, and he
10 went on to gain further valuable experience in the office of State
11 Representative Jessica Farrar as her chief of staff; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Moreno served as Democratic chair
13 and election judge of Harris County Precinct No. 62 and first won
14 election to the Texas House of Representatives in November 1998;
15 since that time he served the residents of House District 143 with
16 dedication and commitment during five legislative sessions, most
17 recently contributing his knowledge and expertise to the House
18 Committee on Border and International Affairs and the House
19 Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues; and

20 WHEREAS, A devoted supporter of his hometown, Representative
21 Moreno committed himself to making his district a better place in
22 which to live, work, and raise a family; he worked to reduce air
23 pollution and to bolster the local economy by addressing important
24 issues involving the Port of Houston; moreover, he worked on

1 legislation to help protect the most vulnerable residents of the
2 Lone Star State, making it possible for abused children to receive
3 protection in times of need; and

4 WHEREAS, Held in high esteem by his peers, Representative
5 Moreno was a former chair of the Harris County Delegation; he was
6 further acknowledged for his contributions with a host of
7 accolades, including the Outstanding Legislator Award from the
8 Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, the Legislative Hero award
9 from the Harris County Democrats, and the Houston Gulf Coast
10 Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement award;
11 he also earned recognition as the 2003 Legislator of the Year from
12 the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his political involvement, this
14 notable community leader was active in Resurrection Catholic
15 Church, the Harris County Tejano Democrats, and LULAC Council No.
16 60; and

17 WHEREAS, Joe Moreno set an outstanding example of citizenship
18 and service to others throughout his time on this earth, and though
19 his friendship and leadership will be greatly missed, he will be
20 remembered with great affection and admiration for years to come;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby honor the life of Joseph E. Moreno and extend deepest
24 sympathy to the members of his family: to his parents, Alice and
25 Frank Moreno; to his brother, Mario Moreno and his wife, Margot; to
26 his sister, Sarah Blancett; to his nephews, Drake, Andrew, Matthew,
27 and Taylor; to his grandmother, Olivia Moreno; and to all those who

1 mourn the passing of this esteemed public servant, beloved son and
2 brother, and friend; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
6 the Honorable Joseph E. Moreno.