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H.R. No. 878

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family of the late Ernani C. Falcone are
2 gathering on March 30, 2005, to commemorate the dedication of Nani
3 Falcone Community Park in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia in 1928, Mr. Falcone attended
5 Princeton University and served with the U.S. Army in Europe during
6 the Korean War; he retired from the Army Reserve in 1982 with the
7 rank of colonel; for more than 30 years, he taught high school
8 social studies in Pennsylvania and played a vital role in the
9 Democratic Party there; and

10 WHEREAS, After moving to his wife's home state of Texas in the
11 late 1980s, he remained active in community service and politics: a
12 champion of grassroots efforts, he founded and chaired the
13 Northwest Neighborhood Alliance and served as president of the
14 Braun Station West Community Improvement Association; he was a
15 valued advisor to Mayor Ed Garza and lent his expertise to the
16 Zoning Commission and a technical advisory committee that monitored
17 revisions of the city's Unified Development Code; he also gave of
18 his time to such notable organizations as Amnesty International and
19 Habitat for Humanity; and

20 WHEREAS, Fluent in five languages and an active member of the
21 Sons of Italy, this admirable gentleman served as a recruiter for
22 his alma mater and helped more than 700 students gain acceptance to
23 Princeton, including many young Hispanics, whose educational
24 opportunities he championed; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Falcone was a tireless advocate for
2 the preservation of greenbelts and historic trees and funding for
3 city parks, and it is particularly fitting that a community park be
4 named in his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the people of San Antonio lost a committed
6 citizen and a beloved friend with the death of Nani Falcone on May
7 13, 2002, Nani Falcone Park will serve as a lasting reminder of the
8 generosity and dedication of this esteemed civic leader; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Ernani C.
12 Falcone on the occasion of the dedication of Nani Falcone Community
13 Park and that this adopted son of Texas be remembered for his many
14 invaluable contributions; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ernani C.
18 Falcone.