

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Moises V. Vela of Harlingen is
2 receiving due recognition for his exemplary community service with
3 the dedication on April 9, 2005, of an elementary school named in
4 his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Harlingen, Judge Vela graduated from
6 Harlingen High School in 1947, and he earned his associate's degree
7 from Texas Southmost College in Brownsville and his law degree from
8 St. Mary's University in San Antonio; he has practiced law for 50
9 years and has served as assistant district attorney, county judge,
10 and judge; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Vela has also distinguished himself as a
12 member of the board of regents of Pan American University and as one
13 of the original directors of Plaza National Bank, and he has served
14 as a member of the County Historical Association, the Texas
15 Commission on Alcoholism, and the local American Legion post; a
16 true patriot, he valiantly served his country in the Korean War as
17 an infantry battalion information and operations sergeant; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Judge Vela has
19 demonstrated a deep commitment to helping area youth through
20 schools and other service projects; an active member of the PTA, the
21 Band Booster Club, and the Quarterback Club, he coached Little
22 League sports for 15 years; during his tenure as judge, he initiated
23 mock teen trials and juries and established community service as an
24 alternative to fine payment for young offenders; and

1 WHEREAS, A spiritual and caring individual, Moises Vela is
2 truly an inspiration to all those whose lives have been enriched by
3 his commitment to the youth of Harlingen, and it is a pleasure to
4 honor his accomplishments on this special occasion; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Moises V. Vela on the
8 dedication of the Moises V. Vela Elementary School and extend to him
9 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Judge Vela as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1034

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1034 was adopted by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House