

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judge Adolfo G. Betancourt, Sr., a pillar of the
2 Brownsville legal community, passed away on March 21, 2005, at the
3 age of 82, leaving an impressive legacy of commendable public
4 service and unwavering familial devotion; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville on July 4, 1922, Judge
6 Betancourt was a chief felony prosecutor with the Cameron County
7 District Attorney's Office for 25 years; he went on to hold elected
8 positions as justice of the peace and county court-at-law judge
9 before retiring in 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Betancourt served his country in South Asia
11 during World War II as a toxic gas handler with the 900th Chemical
12 Company of the U.S. Army; for his dedicated service, he earned the
13 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars as well as a
14 good conduct medal and a World War II Victory Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, After graduating from Brownsville High School,
16 Judge Betancourt studied at Brownsville Junior College and St.
17 Mary's University in San Antonio; before graduating from the South
18 Texas College of Law in 1951, he passed the Texas Bar Exam with top
19 marks; and

20 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the bench in 1994, he
21 was honored by the Cameron County Commissioners Court with "Judge
22 A. G. Betancourt Day" on December 14, 1994; this loving tribute
23 underscored the tremendous esteem felt for Judge Betancourt and was
24 a highlight of his career in public service; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Betancourt was a devoted family man who shared
2 the love of his wife, Juanita, for many years until her passing; the
3 couple's four children inherited their father's passion for public
4 service, with each making vital contributions to their community
5 through their vocations and avocations; and

6 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
7 temper the profound sadness that the death of Adolfo G. Betancourt,
8 Sr., brings to all who loved him, and it is most fitting that his
9 memory be honored at this time; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Adolfo G. Betancourt,
12 Sr., and extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends: to his
13 children, Adolfo G. Betancourt, Jr., David Arnold Betancourt,
14 Dahlia Eliza "Lali" Betancourt, and Laura Lita Serra; to his
15 grandchildren, Evelyn Christine Betancourt, David Adolfo
16 Betancourt, Adolfo "AB" Betancourt III, Dahlia Alyssa Betancourt,
17 and Laurisa Jane and Lauren Celeste Serra; and to the other
18 relatives and many friends of this respected jurist; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
23 Adolfo G. Betancourt, Sr.

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H.R. No. 1186

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1186 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 29, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House