

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Corpus Christi lost a beloved friend,
2 neighbor, and true American patriot with the passing of David
3 Alaniz, Jr., on April 12, 2005, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, A decorated veteran, Mr. Alaniz served his country
5 with distinction during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army's
6 88th Division; in May 1944, he was captured by the Germans and held
7 as a prisoner of war, including time in both Auschwitz and Dachau
8 concentration camps; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of his valiant service to this
10 country, he was deservedly awarded three Purple Hearts, the Silver
11 Star, two Bronze Stars, and a POW medal; and

12 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Alaniz moved with his brother,
13 I. J., from their hometown of Beeville to Corpus Christi, where he
14 became one of the first Mexican Americans to work in a local post
15 office, and was quickly promoted to the position of supervisor; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan lead a full and rewarding life
17 with his devoted wife, Elvira, that was further enriched by the
18 loving relationship they shared with their children, Linda, Carmen,
19 David, and Robert; and

20 WHEREAS, D. J. Alaniz earned the respect and admiration of
21 all who were privileged to know him; a man of great character,
22 determination, and courage, he will live on in the memories of those
23 who loved him and in the lasting legacy of achievement that he
24 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the life of David J. Alaniz, Jr., and
3 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
4 Elvira; to his children, Linda A. Alaniz, Carmen Bazan and her
5 husband, David, David Raymond Alaniz and his wife, Gail, Robert
6 John Alaniz and his wife, Maria; to his brothers, Ray Alaniz and
7 Eustorgio Alaniz and his wife, Julia; to his sisters, Olivia
8 Benavides, Dora Trevino and her husband, Ben, Petrita Sanchez and
9 her husband, Martin, and Mary Ortega; to his grandchildren,
10 Stephanie Celene Calderon and her husband, Eddie, David Andres
11 Bazan, Dominic Bazan and his wife, Nicole, Nicholas Anthony Bazan
12 and his wife, Alicia, Sophie Marie Diaz, Erica Lynn Russell and her
13 husband, Chris, Mark Douglas Ruth, Robi Alaniz, Geneva Elizarrara,
14 Patrick Zoblisein and his wife, Tracy, and Bethany Zoblisein; to
15 his 10 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many
16 friends; 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David J.
20 Alaniz, Jr.

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H.R. No. 2286

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2286 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House