

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Al Kauffman is a renowned attorney who has dedicated
2 his career to addressing the concerns of disadvantaged residents of
3 Texas and other states; and

4 WHEREAS, A lawyer of vast experience, Mr. Kauffman began
5 litigating civil rights cases in state and federal courts in the
6 mid-1970s; a decade later, he joined the San Antonio staff of the
7 Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF); in
8 that capacity, he became the lead attorney for the plaintiffs in
9 *Edgewood ISD v. Kirby* and other related cases and helped to bring
10 about significant reforms that provided additional revenue for poor
11 school districts; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Kauffman also played a prominent role in *LULAC*
13 *v. Richards*, which led to increased funding for Texas universities
14 that have a high proportion of Latino students; moreover, he has
15 been involved in important cases regarding standardized school
16 testing, employment discrimination, voting rights, immigration,
17 and hospital admission policies; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2002, he left his position at MALDEF to join the
19 staff of The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University; there, he
20 conducted research on such issues as the No Child Left Behind Act
21 and charter school education and taught Harvard's first course on
22 Latino civil rights; and

23 WHEREAS, This dedicated reformer accepted a new challenge in
24 2006, joining the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race,

1 Ethnicity, and Diversity at the Boalt School of Law at the
2 University of California at Berkeley; in addition to teaching, Mr.
3 Kauffman is again examining the topic of school funding as the
4 senior legal advocacy associate involved with the Rethinking
5 Rodriguez project; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his remarkable career Al Kauffman has
7 proven himself a progressive force for change, and his quest to
8 promote greater equality in the classroom, the workplace, the
9 voting booth, and other key institutions has furthered the American
10 ideals of equal opportunity and justice for all; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby honor Al Kauffman for his vital contributions in behalf of
14 others in the areas of education and civil rights; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Kauffman as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Martinez Fischer

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 60 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 60 was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor