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H.R. No. 399

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Roy Barbosa of Houston, who passed away on October 6, 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, At the age of 17, Mr. Barbosa joined the Merchant
4 Marines and then served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army; following
5 his service in the military, he established his own accounting
6 practice and later, with his son John, he founded Challenge Office
7 Products; reflecting its founder's desire to give back to the
8 community, this business donates to such worthwhile causes as the
9 Houston Community College Scholarship fund-raisers and AVANCE,
10 Inc., which serves predominantly poor Latino families in
11 underserved communities; and

12 WHEREAS, A charter member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of
13 Greater Houston, Mr. Barbosa served as the organization's first
14 Hispanic president; in addition, he was an active member of St.
15 Phillip Neri Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Rusk
16 Athletic Club, where he helped to raise funds to provide college
17 scholarships for Hispanic students; and

18 WHEREAS, Although his death has brought great sorrow to those
19 who loved him, he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will
20 long be remembered; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Barbosa and extend
23 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his beloved wife
24 of 55 years, Olivia; to his children and their spouses, Della and

1 Luciano Villarreal, John and Debbie Barbosa, Anna and Allen
2 Richards, and Michael Barbosa; to his grandchildren, Alberto,
3 Carissa, Nicole, Javier, Steven, Jason, and Justin; and to his
4 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy
8 Barbosa.