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H.R. No. 524

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Colonel J. George Cisneros (Ret.) of  
2 San Antonio on July 28, 2006, at the age of 89 has deeply saddened  
3 the family and friends of this esteemed Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of New Mexico, where his ancestors had  
5 received land grants from the Spanish Crown, Colonel Cisneros was  
6 born in Roy on February 13, 1917; he enjoyed a distinguished 39-year  
7 career with the United States Army, during which time he saw service  
8 in World War II and active duty in the Korean and Vietnam Wars; in  
9 the 1970s, he served as chief of staff for the 90th U.S. Army  
10 Reserve at Fort Sam Houston; and

11           WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community, Colonel Cisneros  
12 served as a member of the board of directors for the Boys Clubs and,  
13 through his involvement with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program  
14 (RSVP), as an assistant reading teacher for 18 years at Crockett  
15 Elementary School; he also organized a golf group for individuals  
16 recovering from strokes and cofounded the Alamo Area Stroke Club;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, In recognition of his exceptional civic  
19 contributions, Colonel Cisneros received the Trailblazer Award  
20 from Crockett Elementary, the Governor's Humanitarian Service  
21 Award, two George Washington Honor Awards from the Freedoms  
22 Foundation at Valley Forge, and the United Way's Alexis de  
23 Tocqueville Society Award, the latter presented by President Gerald  
24 Ford; he served as the national adult representative for Easter

1 Seals in 1988 and in that capacity took part in the National Easter  
2 Seals Telethon; in addition, RSVP designated him as Volunteer of  
3 the Year, and the San Antonio Housing Authority named a housing  
4 development for senior citizens in his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, His military awards and decorations included the  
6 Bronze Star, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific  
7 Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, World War II Victory Medal,  
8 and eight commendations from the Department of the Army; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of San Antonio College, where he earned  
10 an associate's degree, Colonel Cisneros also attended the Adjutant  
11 General's College and Our Lady of the Lake University; in his  
12 leisure time, he relished golfing, gardening, woodworking, and  
13 reading, especially books on history; and

14 WHEREAS, George Cisneros and his beloved wife, Elvira, became  
15 the proud parents of five children, who learned from them habits of  
16 hard work, an appreciation for literature, art, and music, and an  
17 awareness of the importance of civic engagement; and

18 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens,  
19 George Cisneros brought a generosity of spirit and an unflinching  
20 integrity to all his endeavors, and he built a life that was  
21 remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments; although  
22 he is sorely missed, he is remembered with joy and thankfulness by  
23 all who knew and treasured him; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Colonel J. George  
26 Cisneros and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
27 to his wife of 60 years, Elvira Cisneros; to his children, the

1 Honorable Henry Cisneros, and his wife, Mary Alice, Pauline  
2 Cisneros Pollette, George Cisneros, and his wife, Catherine, Tim  
3 Cisneros, and his wife, Karla, and Tina Corser, and her husband,  
4 Tom; to his nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and  
5 to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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