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H.R. No. 527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of  
3 Guadalupe Cruz of Dallas, who passed away on May 23, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State and a proud veteran  
5 of World War II, "G. A." Cruz dedicated nearly four decades to  
6 educating and coaching Texas youth; and

7 WHEREAS, He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from  
8 East Texas State University and went on to teach high school biology  
9 and coach football, basketball, and track in Rio Grande City,  
10 Hebbronville, and El Paso; in the early 1960s, he led the Fabens  
11 High School cross-country team to a Class A state championship and  
12 the boys' track team to the regional finals; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruz became assistant principal of Woodrow  
14 Wilson High School in Dallas in 1976, and he earned the respect and  
15 admiration of students and colleagues alike before his retirement  
16 in the mid-1980s; as evidence of his commitment to the public  
17 education system in Texas, he came out of retirement and went back  
18 to teaching for a few years to help out during a period of teacher  
19 shortages; and

20 WHEREAS, Also devoted to his family, Mr. Cruz operated a  
21 number of small businesses to supplement his income and ensure that  
22 his five daughters could receive a college education; and

23 WHEREAS, G. A. Cruz was a positive influence in the lives of  
24 countless young people, and he leaves behind a legacy of good works

1 that will long endure; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Guadalupe Cruz and  
4 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
5 Mary Lucy Cruz; to his daughters, Julie Ann Saldana, Dora Alice  
6 Cruz, Dr. Alma Lee Garza, Lucy Marie Ford, and Cynthia Marie Osuna;  
7 to his grandchildren; to his great-grandchild; to his sister,  
8 Yolanda Lerma; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
9 it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Guadalupe  
13 Cruz.