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H.C.R. No. 1

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul C. Moreno of El Paso established
2 an outstanding record of service not only to the members of his
3 community but to Texans everywhere during his long tenure in the
4 Texas Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931, and has been a
6 lifelong resident of El Paso County; he was educated in El Paso
7 schools and subsequently served six years in the United States
8 Marine Corps, including a tour of duty with the First Marine
9 Division in Korea; and

10 WHEREAS, Highly decorated for his service, Mr. Moreno was
11 awarded the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation with two Bronze Stars,
12 the Korean Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the
13 Korean Service Medal with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star, the
14 National Defense Service Medal, and the Marine Corps Good Conduct
15 Medal; and

16 WHEREAS, After graduating from Texas Western College with a
17 bachelor of business administration degree, Mr. Moreno went on to
18 attend The University of Texas School of Law; he is currently a
19 member of the State Bar of Texas and the El Paso Bar Association,
20 and he is a cofounder of the El Paso Legal Assistance Society; and

21 WHEREAS, He won his first election in 1966 at a time when
22 Mexican American legislators were few in number and lacking in
23 influence; in office four decades later, he was considered the
24 "Watchdog" and the "Conscience of the House" by his peers and was

1 looked on by the members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus
2 as a mentor and role model who had broken down barriers and opened
3 doors of opportunity for them as well as for members of their
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, A passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor,
6 the disabled, and the disenfranchised, Representative Moreno
7 sought and received committee assignments that allowed him to
8 represent constituencies whose voices are often excluded from the
9 ranks of the most powerful; he served 20 terms in the Texas House of
10 Representatives, during which time he earned the esteem of his
11 constituents and colleagues with his forthright and principled
12 approach to the ideals of public service; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno's achievements as the longest-serving
14 Mexican American legislator in Texas history are worthy of
15 recognition, and his colleagues have proposed naming the building
16 that houses the State Office of Administrative Hearings in El Paso
17 in his honor; for the purposes of Section 2165.005(f), Government
18 Code, this building is not used as a state or regional headquarters
19 for a state agency; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas,
21 1st Called Session, hereby extend its appreciation to former state
22 representative Paul C. Moreno for his years of devotion to public
23 service and direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the
24 building that houses the State Office of Administrative Hearings in
25 El Paso the Paul C. Moreno State Office Building; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
27 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the

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1 Texas Facilities Commission.