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H.R. No. 382

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of San Antonio lost a dedicated
2 community activist with the passing of East Side advocate David M.
3 Arevalo on December 12, 2008, at the age of 47; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo was born to Juan and Guadalupe Arevalo
5 on January 8, 1961; a graduate of Louis W. Fox Academic and
6 Technical High School, he demonstrated a concern for others at an
7 early age; while still in his 20s, he was instrumental in founding
8 the Denver Heights Youth Sports Foundation, which has provided
9 opportunities for countless children to participate in athletics;
10 he coached the Denver Heights Eagles football team to numerous
11 victories, among them the 2000 Texas Youth Football Association
12 junior championship, and became a father figure and role model for
13 many young people; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo fought tirelessly for environmental
15 justice for his beloved East Side; as the leader of Residents
16 Organized for a Safe Environment, he successfully fought for proper
17 disposal of the contaminated soil that was excavated during
18 construction of the Alamodome in the 1990s; he later spoke out
19 against the building of new fuel storage tanks on the East Side,
20 argued for the rerouting of freight trains away from heavily
21 populated areas, and remained an ever-vigilant watchdog for the
22 public; and

23 WHEREAS, A part-time concert promoter, Mr. Arevalo shared his
24 expertise in organizing an annual National Night Out observance in

1 the Alamodome; in 2008, he was honored by NNO for coordinating the
2 city's largest such anticrime event; this kind and generous man
3 never hesitated to help others and was deeply devoted to his wife,
4 his two children, and his extended family; and

5 WHEREAS, David Arevalo will be greatly missed, but he left an
6 indelible mark on San Antonio, and his selfless commitment to the
7 betterment of his community will never be forgotten; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David M. Arevalo and
11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of
12 30 years, Patricia Arevalo; to his children, Elizabeth and Dominick
13 Arevalo; to his brothers, John Arevalo and his wife, Margaret,
14 Manuel Arevalo and his wife, Nellie, and Frank Arevalo and his wife,
15 Jane; to his sister, Oralia Figueroa, and her husband, Angel; and to
16 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David M.
20 Arevalo.