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H.R. No. 1129

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 passing of Ramiro Juarez Bernal of San Antonio on May 7, 2008, at
3 the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 30, 1925, in San Antonio, Mr. Bernal
5 graduated from Lanier High School and helped the school's
6 basketball team win a state championship in 1943; he answered his
7 nation's call to duty by serving in the U.S. Army during World War
8 II, and he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his
9 courageous actions as a member of the 1st Infantry Division in
10 Europe; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal was employed in auto body and paint shops
12 following the war and eventually co-owned a repair business for
13 several years; he then pursued a career in the insurance industry,
14 working for many years at Allstate as an insurance adjuster and a
15 sales agent until his retirement at the age of 71; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan carried his love of basketball
17 with him throughout his life, finding time on nights and weekends to
18 play and officiate city league games in San Antonio; he was active
19 in the sport until his late 60s and helped found the city's first
20 Catholic Youth Organization basketball program; and

21 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Bernal enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, Mary Louise, their two daughters, Linda and
23 Roseanna, and their son, Rudy, who is the head basketball coach at
24 Lanier High, his father's alma mater; and

1 WHEREAS, Although he is deeply missed, Ramiro Bernal leaves
2 behind a legacy of service to his country, to his family, and to the
3 sport he loved, and he will long be remembered with great admiration
4 and affection by his friends and loved ones; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ramiro Juarez Bernal
7 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
8 wife, Mary Louise Bernal; to his children, Rudy Bernal, Linda Mora,
9 and Roseanna Vega; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
10 it further

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