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H.R. No. 1722

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Frank  
2 Alvarado of Houston, who died on February 11, 2009, at the age of  
3 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Marble Falls on October 4, 1929, Mr.  
5 Alvarado moved with his family to Houston at an early age; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1947, he married Ida Melchor, and over the course  
7 of their life together, they were blessed with five children, six  
8 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Alvarado worked in the construction industry in  
10 Houston for more than 60 years; a skilled cement mason and a proud  
11 member of Plasterers and Cement Masons Local No. 681, he helped to  
12 lay the foundations of many landmark buildings around the city,  
13 including Texas Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital,  
14 Methodist Hospital, Memorial Hermann Hospital, Finger Furniture,  
15 and a number of buildings on the University of Houston campus; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Alvarado embodied the ideal  
17 of civic engagement, never missing an election and participating  
18 actively in the political process; he attended many Democratic  
19 precinct and senatorial conventions, and he campaigned  
20 energetically for numerous candidates, including his daughter,  
21 State Representative Carol Alvarado; and

22 WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Mr. Alvarado was a  
23 parishioner of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and a member of the  
24 Knights of Columbus; and

1           WHEREAS, Frank Alvarado lived a life devoted to family,  
2 faith, and community, and the memory of his everyday heroism will be  
3 forever treasured by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Alvarado and  
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife  
8 of 61 years, Ida; to his sons, Frank and Robert; to his daughters,  
9 Yolanda, Elizabeth, and Carol; to his six grandchildren and seven  
10 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
11 be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Frank  
15 Alvarado.