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H.R. No. 234

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ruperto Canales, Jr., has built a long and
2 successful career as a coach and teacher in the San Diego
3 Independent School District; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 11, 1938, in Benavides, Mr. Canales
5 graduated from Benavides High School and the Texas College of Arts
6 and Industries; he spent his first year as a teacher with Ysleta ISD
7 in El Paso before joining San Diego ISD, where he has worked for the
8 past four decades; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales is an accomplished basketball mentor who
10 coached the San Diego High School boys' team for 20 years, winning
11 the district Coach of the Year honor three times in that period, and
12 he has been at the helm of the girls' team for 13 years, garnering
13 six additional accolades as the district's top coach; moreover, his
14 boys' squads reached the state playoffs 10 times and the female
15 athletes have done so 12 times; he has 500-Win Plaques from both the
16 Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas Association of
17 Basketball Coaches, and he has also been recognized for 25 years of
18 membership in the THSCA; and

19 WHEREAS, By his own estimation, Mr. Canales has coached
20 nearly 4,000 students through the decades; he recently passed the
21 1,000 mark in games coached, and his teams have impressively won
22 more than 60 percent of those contests; though his total career
23 victories number more than 600 to date, this experienced educator
24 feels that his biggest contribution to the lives of his students is

1 not counted in wins and losses, but in making them better people; he
2 has had the satisfaction of seeing a number of his students go on to
3 become coaches themselves; and

4 WHEREAS, An integral part of the San Diego community,
5 Mr. Canales served as mayor for a decade and owned the Circle C
6 Drive-In for 28 years before selling the business in 1997; in all
7 his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Aurora,
8 his daughters, Mary Jo and Rosella, and his son, Ruperto; and

9 WHEREAS, The young people of Texas depend on the guidance of
10 dedicated educators to prepare them for the challenges and
11 opportunities of the future, and the enduring efforts of Ruperto
12 Canales have given numerous San Diego students a strong foundation
13 on which to build; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Ruperto Canales, Jr., for his many years
16 of exemplary service as a coach and teacher and extend to him
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Canales as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.