

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 80th birthday of a longtime state representative  
2 is truly a special occasion, and the Honorable Paul C. Moreno of El  
3 Paso marked this significant milestone on April 28, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in El Paso on April 28, 1931, Mr. Moreno served  
5 his country in Korea for six years as a member of the United States  
6 Marine Corps; he earned the Presidential Unit Citation, the Silver  
7 Star, and numerous Bronze Stars, among other decorations; after  
8 completing his tours of duty, he graduated from The University of  
9 Texas at El Paso and The University of Texas School of Law; his  
10 devotion to justice led him to cofound both the El Paso Legal  
11 Assistance Organization and the Mexican-American Bar Association;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was first elected to represent part of El  
14 Paso County in 1967, and he went on to become the longest-serving  
15 Hispanic elected official in the country; over the course of a  
16 distinguished tenure spanning more than four decades, his  
17 commitment to equal opportunity for all Texans earned him a  
18 reputation as "the conscience of the house"; he played a crucial  
19 role in the passage of such landmark legislation as the Bilingual  
20 Education Act of 1983-84, and he was a powerful advocate for  
21 farmworkers, fighting to ensure them of a minimum wage and  
22 unemployment compensation; moreover, he worked to raise teacher  
23 salaries and retirement benefits and to provide membership in the  
24 Children's Health Insurance Program for all eligible youngsters;

1 through the years, he served on almost every major house committee,  
2 and his tireless efforts in behalf of public education have greatly  
3 benefited innumerable residents of El Paso; he has received myriad  
4 local, state, and national awards, and in 1996, El Paso ISD named a  
5 new elementary school in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his remarkable career in public service,  
7 Paul Moreno set an inspiring example of dedication, integrity, and  
8 compassion, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize our esteemed  
9 former colleague as he enters his ninth decade; now, therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Paul Moreno on his  
13 80th birthday and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued  
14 happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Representative Moreno as an expression of high regard  
17 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2657

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2657 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House