

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maria Elena and Arnoldo Alaniz are fondly remembered
2 by the residents of Benavides for the many professional and civic
3 contributions they made over the course of their lives; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Benavides on March 27, 1936, to Lazaro and
5 Nicolasa Chapa, the former Maria Elena Chapa graduated from
6 Benavides High School in 1955 and went on to earn both a bachelor's
7 degree and a master's degree in education from Texas A&I
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Arnoldo Valerio Alaniz was born on December 30,
10 1931, and he also graduated from Benavides High School, where he was
11 an all-district football player; following his service with the
12 United States Army during the Korean War, he attended Texas A&I,
13 receiving a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in math; and

14 WHEREAS, The couple married in 1956 and shared 35 years
15 together; they were blessed with three children, Arnoldo, Jaime,
16 and Norma, and their family eventually grew to include five
17 grandchildren, Amanda, Arnoldo, Matthew, Isabella, and Fabian, as
18 well as a great-granddaughter, Katherine; and

19 WHEREAS, Prominent members of their community, Mr. and
20 Mrs. Alaniz enjoyed long and rewarding careers with the Benavides
21 Independent School District; Mrs. Alaniz taught for more than three
22 decades, and Mr. Alaniz worked as a teacher and a principal for 37
23 years; he also served as president of the Texas State Teachers
24 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alaniz further distinguished herself as a
2 member of the Benavides City Council for 19 years; devoted to her
3 faith, she belonged to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and
4 she and her husband were both valued parishioners of Santa Rosa de
5 Lima Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Mrs. Alaniz passed away on December 27,
7 2014, and Mr. Alaniz died on February 3, 1991, their efforts in
8 behalf of their students and the city that they loved will continue
9 to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the lives and achievements of
12 Maria Elena and Arnoldo Alaniz.

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Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1223 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House