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H.R. No. 1223

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.