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H.C.R. No. 36

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of John M. Arévalo of San Antonio on
2 July 16, 2017, at the age of 67, has deeply saddened his loved ones
3 and the many individuals whose lives he touched throughout his long
4 and rewarding career as an educator; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on December 29, 1949, to Johnny and Guadalupe
6 Arévalo, John Arévalo grew up with the companionship of his four
7 siblings, Oralia, Frank, Manuel, and Francisco, and he graduated
8 from Fox Tech, becoming the first in his family to earn a high
9 school diploma; he went on to complete bachelor's and master's
10 degrees at Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at San
11 Antonio, and he further distinguished himself through his service
12 with the United States Peace Corps; and

13 WHEREAS, During his four decades as a history teacher at
14 Harlandale High School, Mr. Arévalo left a lasting impression on
15 countless young people; he cared deeply about his students and
16 their success beyond the walls of his classroom, and he provided
17 many of them with invaluable mentorship and encouragement as they
18 attended college and pursued their goals; his passion for teaching
19 and his exceptional rapport with his students made him a role model
20 for other educators, and his outstanding work garnered him such
21 accolades as the Golden Rule Award; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Arévalo began teaching at Palo Alto
23 College while continuing his work at Harlandale High, and he
24 further contributed to his profession through his efforts as vice

1 chair of the Advisory Council for the Hispanic Student Success
2 Program, an initiative begun by the Hispanic Association of
3 Colleges and Universities; he also served on a statewide task force
4 for the review of social studies curriculum requirements; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Arévalo married his high school sweetheart,
6 Margaret, in 1973, and they shared in the joy of raising two
7 treasured children, Alex and Diana; Mr. Arévalo delighted in
8 supporting them in all of their pursuits as they grew into
9 adulthood, and he watched with immense pride as his son graduated
10 with a medical degree from Washington University of Health and
11 Science and his daughter became a Texas state representative; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his earnest devotion to his family, his
13 students, and his life's work, John Arévalo was an inspiration to
14 all who had the good fortune to know him, and although he will be
15 deeply missed, memories of his sage advice, boundless compassion,
16 and remarkable generosity remain as a source of comfort to those he
17 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas,
19 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of John
20 M. Arévalo and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and his
21 many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
25 John Arévalo.