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H.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an admired civil rights leader drew to a
2 close with the passing of Jaime Martinez of San Antonio on July 16,
3 2017, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Jaime Martinez was raised
5 in a barrio on the city's West Side and attended Lanier High School;
6 he first began advocating for the rights of area migrant workers as
7 a young man and went on to enjoy a career as a union organizer; over
8 the years, he helped coordinate marches around the country,
9 including the annual Cesar Chavez March for Justice in San Antonio;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 1996, Mr. Martinez founded the Cesar E. Chavez
12 Legacy and Educational Foundation with the mission of preserving
13 the legacy of its namesake; the organization advocates for social
14 and economic justice and promotes civic participation, and each
15 year, it awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving
16 area students; in addition, in 2011, Mr. Martinez played an
17 instrumental role in the renaming of Durango Boulevard in San
18 Antonio as Cesar Chavez Boulevard; and

19 WHEREAS, Jaime Martinez contributed immeasurably to the
20 lives of his fellow citizens, and although he will be deeply missed,
21 his devotion to his community will forever remain a source of
22 inspiration to all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
2 of Jaime Martinez and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives
3 and many friends; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jaime
7 Martinez.