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H.R. No. 56

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Beloved teacher and band director Hector M. Cantu of
2 the San Diego Independent School District passed away in January
3 2021 at the age of 50; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Eloy and Grace Cantu, Hector Cantu grew up
5 with a sister, Ilize; he developed a passion for music as a child,
6 and he joined the marching band at Premont High School, where he
7 graduated in 1989; inspired to pursue a teaching career, he was
8 employed by Premont ISD for 15 years before transferring to San
9 Diego ISD; for the past six years, he served that district as
10 assistant band director and head mariachi director, and he was
11 proud to see his mariachi students excel in contests and eventually
12 triumph at the state level in 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cantu had a warm rapport with all his students,
14 who affectionately called him "Mr. Sir"; beloved for his smile, his
15 jokes, and his unwavering support and encouragement, he was
16 selected as the Amazing Teacher for May 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, While working in Premont, Mr. Cantu met Melissa
18 Hidalgo, a fellow teacher, and they exchanged wedding vows in March
19 2020; in addition to his wife, Mr. Cantu was blessed with two sons,
20 Jacob and Michael, and a daughter, Michelle; and

21 WHEREAS, Hector Cantu had a positive and lasting influence in
22 the lives of countless young Texans over the course of his career,
23 and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Hector M. Cantu and
3 extend profound condolences to the members of his family: to his
4 wife, Melissa Hidalgo; to his children, Jacob Elijah Cantu and his
5 wife, Raelynn Pena, Michael Tamez, and Michelle Renee Cantu; to his
6 parents, Eloy and Grace Cantu; to his sister, Ilize Shimel Cantu;
7 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hector
11 Cantu.