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H.R. No. 269

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of El Paso lost a champion for civil
2 rights and social justice with the death of attorney Enrique Moreno
3 on October 10, 2019, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Enrique Moreno was born on December 28, 1955, in
5 Chihuahua, Mexico, to Enriqueta and Manuel Moreno, and he grew up in
6 El Paso with two siblings, Rosa and Manuel; after graduating from
7 Austin High School, he earned his bachelor's degree at Harvard
8 University and his law degree from Harvard Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, Returning to El Paso, Mr. Moreno joined the law firm
10 of Kemp Smith, and in 1999, he opened his own practice, handling
11 civil rights, personal injury, and employment law cases; in court,
12 he was a powerful advocate for individual rights and civic
13 progress; he won a \$27.5 million settlement in behalf of a woman of
14 Iranian descent who had been racially profiled by an airline, and he
15 represented the father of a Guatemalan migrant who died in the
16 custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

17 WHEREAS, Twice nominated to the Fifth Circuit Court of
18 Appeals by President Bill Clinton, Mr. Moreno was consistently
19 rated as one of the top trial lawyers in El Paso; he was cited as a
20 Texas Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly* magazine, as a Top Lawyer in El
21 Paso by the *El Paso Herald-Post* survey of state judges, and as
22 Lawyer of the Year by the Mexican American Bar Association of El
23 Paso, among other accolades; he was a founding member and past
24 president of the George A. McAlmon American Inn of Court, and he

1 honored his Mexican roots through his service as a consulting
2 attorney to the government of Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno's many awards included the Albert
4 Armendariz Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mexican American
5 Bar Association, the Civil Rights Award from the El Paso chapter of
6 the NAACP, the Guadalupe Award for Community Service from the
7 Hispanic Leadership Institute, and the Eagle Award for Community
8 Advocacy from the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Moreno enjoyed the love
10 and support of Carla Monsisvais, and he took great pride in his son,
11 Enrique Moreno Jr., and his stepchildren, Joe and Anna Rodriguez;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Enrique Moreno lived a rich and purposeful life
14 devoted to serving others and standing up for his ideals, and he
15 leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who
16 knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Enrique Moreno and
19 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and his many
20 friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Enrique
24 Moreno.