

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 28, 2025, marks the 94th anniversary of the
2 birth of the late Paul Cruz Moreno of El Paso, a longtime state
3 representative and champion of social justice; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso in 1931, Mr. Moreno was the son of
5 Avelina Ramirez and Reyes Moreno Sr.; he enlisted in the
6 U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 17 and became a highly decorated
7 Korean War veteran and Marine recruiter; following a diving
8 accident that left him a quadriplegic, he graduated from The
9 University of Texas at El Paso and The University of Texas School of
10 Law; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was first elected to the Texas House in
12 1966; over the course of more than four decades, he worked
13 tirelessly in behalf of the most vulnerable; he pushed for
14 legislation requiring developers to provide water and sanitation to
15 colonias, and he strove to make public buildings and transportation
16 more accessible to people with disabilities; in addition, he
17 challenged the state's public school financing system, sought to
18 regulate college tuition, and advocated for higher teacher
19 salaries; he also worked to pass a minimum wage bill; his fierce
20 dedication and strong moral compass earned him a reputation as the
21 "Conscience of the House"; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1971, Mr. Moreno was part of the "Dirty Thirty,"
23 a bipartisan group that opposed the speaker and other officials
24 charged with corruption; as a member of the Higher Education

1 Committee, he successfully championed greater access to
2 opportunity and played a key role in enhancing support for The
3 University of Texas at El Paso; he was a founding member and
4 inaugural chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, and in
5 2007, he was acknowledged as the first Mexican American "Dean of the
6 Texas House" when he became the longest-tenured state
7 representative; his myriad accolades included the PUSH Excel
8 National Award, and the El Paso Independent School District named
9 an elementary school in his honor; moreover, the Mexican American
10 Legislative Leadership Foundation pays tribute to his legacy with
11 its Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program for undergraduate
12 and graduate students; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Paul Moreno passed away in 2017, his
14 enormous accomplishments left a lasting imprint on the Lone Star
15 State, and his exceptional record of service will continue to
16 inspire future generations; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
18 Legislature hereby posthumously honor former state representative
19 Paul Cruz Moreno on the 94th anniversary of his birth.

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Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 872

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 872 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House