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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul C. Moreno has established an outstanding record of service not only to the members of his community but to Texans everywhere during his longstanding tenure in the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931, and has been a lifelong resident of El Paso County where he received both his primary and secondary education from the El Paso Independent School District in South El Paso and then went on to serve six years in the United States Marine Corps, his tour of duty being with the 1st Marine Division in Korea; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his participation in Korea, and as a tribute to his service to the country, Mr. Moreno was awarded the following citations:

1. U.S. Presidential Unit Citation with Two Bronze Stars

2. Korean Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster

3. Korean Service Medal with one Silver and One Bronze Star

4. The National Defense Service Medal

5. Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, After earning his B.B.A. degree at Texas Western College, now known as The University of Texas at El Paso, Mr. Moreno went on to The University of Texas Law School where he prepared for what would become a long and distinguished career of dedicated

public service, and is currently a member of the State Bar of Texas, the El Paso Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and was co-founder of the El Paso Legal Assistance; and

WHEREAS, He won his first election in 1966 at a time when Mexican-American legislators were few in numbers and lacking in influence; today he is considered the "Watch Dog" and the "Conscience of the House" by his peers and is looked on by the members of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus as a mentor and role model who has broken down barriers and opened doors of opportunity for them as well as for members of the communities they represent; and

WHEREAS, A passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor, the disabled, the disenfranchised, and education, he sought and received committee assignments that allowed him to represent constituencies whose voices are not always among the most powerful; currently a member of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee, he has also served in recent sessions on the Appropriations Committee as well as the Committee on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Now an elder statesman serving his 18th term in the House of Representatives and the second most senior House member, Representative Moreno rightfully has earned the esteem of his constituents and of his colleagues through the years of his forthright and uncompromising approach to the ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, His achievements as the longest-serving Mexican-American legislator in Texas history are worthy of

recognition, and his colleagues have proposed naming the state office building in El Paso in his honor as a fitting tribute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby extend its appreciation to State Representative Paul C. Moreno for his years of devotion to public service and encourage the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to name the state office building in El Paso the Paul C. Moreno State Office Building; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the Texas Building and Procurement Commission.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 64 was adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 64 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor