

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frank Alarcon of El Paso died on March 1, 2011, at
2 the age of 80, leaving an inspiring legacy of humanitarian service;
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4 WHEREAS, A retired postal worker, Mr. Alarcon expressed his
5 deep faith through his tireless efforts in behalf of those most in
6 need; he spent nearly four decades assisting the poorest residents
7 of Juarez and donated most of his pension check to his mission at
8 the Centro Comunitario del Espiritu Santo, where he volunteered as
9 director; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Alarcon participated in a Christmas Day
11 donation of food to people living and working at the Juarez
12 municipal dump; he was so moved by their plight that he dedicated
13 himself to improving their circumstances; over the years, he helped
14 them reclaim the former dump site and build a compound of
15 cinderblock buildings to serve as a community center; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Alarcon moved into spartan quarters at the
17 mission following his retirement in 1986; over the years, he helped
18 establish a community dining hall, a day-care program, a women's
19 shelter, a chapel, and a clinic providing medical, dental, and eye
20 care; although the global recession and mounting violence in the
21 border area posed formidable challenges, he remained bravely
22 undaunted in his determination to continue his important work; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his compassion and generosity, Frank
24 Alarcon touched innumerable lives, and those who were privileged to

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1 know this remarkable man will forever remember him with profound
2 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature pay tribute to the memory of Frank Alarcon and extend
5 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife,
6 Delfina Alarcon; to his children, Frank Alarcon, Jr., Liz Mier,
7 Charlotte Martinez, and Bernice Hernandez; and to his many other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 910 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House