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House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representative BONAMICI; Representatives BARNHART, BERGER, BEYER, BOONE, BOQUIST, BUCKLEY, CAMERON, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DALLUM, DINGFELDER, ESQUIVEL, FLORES, GALIZIO, GILLIAM, GIROD, HUNT, KRIEGER, MACPHERSON, MAURER, MERKLEY, MINNIS, MORGAN, NATHANSON, NELSON, NOLAN, RICHARDSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLER, P SMITH, TOMEI, WHISNANT, WITT, Senators AVAKIAN, BROWN, L GEORGE, JOHNSON, NELSON, WALKER

Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a respected preeminent practitioner in the field of immigration law for over 25 years, dedicated to serving the less fortunate and sharing his expertise with colleagues and law students; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz practiced all aspects of immigration law, including business immigration, family immigration, citizenship, deportation and employment sanctions, representing hundreds of clients before the Immigration Service, the Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Legalization Appeals Unit and the United States District Court; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1974 and a J.D. from the Lewis and Clark Law School in 1978, and was honored with a Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellowship in 1980; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz spent 11 years working for legal services programs focusing on immigration, disability, farm workers' rights, economic development and senior citizen issues; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a director of the farm worker programs at both Oregon Legal Services and the Immigration Project at California Rural Legal Assistance, also teaching as an adjunct professor in Immigration Law at Lewis and Clark Law School and the University of Oregon Law School, and providing training to Qualified Designated Entities in conjunction with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz opened his solo practice with offices in Portland and Salem in 1997, while publishing many articles and becoming a highly regarded speaker on immigration law at Continuing Legal Education sessions; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a consulting attorney to the Mexican Consulate in Portland, a founding board member of Scholarships for Oregon Latinos and provider of pro bono legal advice to nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas Michael T. Muniz received the Gerald H. Robinson Excellence in Advocacy Award from the American Immigration Lawyers, Oregon Chapter, being described by his friends as "a man that walked the talk"; and

Whereas throughout his life Michael T. Muniz believed in opening doors for others and was devoted to assisting Hispanic students in their education, and serving as mentor, friend and ally to many in the community, before passing away on September 30, 2006; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, recognize and express our appreciation for Michael T. Muniz's legacy of commitment and devotion to his community and his life's work on behalf of many Oregonians and the State of Oregon.

Adopted by House April 3, 2007

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 18, 2007

President of Senate