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Honoring the extraordinary life of legendary reporter, television personality, international humanitarian, and Houston icon Marvin Harold Zindler, who championed the cause of the economically powerless, politically underrepresented, and physically ill and disabled in Houston, across the Nation, and around the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. POE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CARTER, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the extraordinary life of legendary reporter, television personality, international humanitarian, and Houston icon Marvin Harold Zindler, who championed the cause of the economically powerless, politically underrepresented, and physically ill and disabled in Houston, across the Nation, and around the world.

Whereas Marvin Harold Zindler was an iconic and influential American television news reporter for television station KTRK in Houston, Texas, and his hard-hitting investiga-

tive journalism, through which he mostly represented the city's elderly and working class, made him one of the city's most influential and well-known media personalities;

Whereas Marvin Zindler helped pioneer consumer advocacy and reporting in 1973 when he came to Channel 13 after having spent 10 years as a Harris County Sheriff's deputy during which time he created the department's consumer fraud division;

Whereas Marvin Zindler is best known as the kind-hearted, grandfatherly figure who delivered the weekly "rat and roach reports" based on health department restaurant inspections and his most famous catch phrase from the frequent health inspector findings of "SLI-I-IME in the ice machine";

Whereas Marvin Zindler received over 100,000 requests yearly from Houston viewers in need of his assistance;

Whereas generations of low-income Houstonians turned to Marvin Zindler as their champion and public voice when bureaucracies seemed indifferent and businesses tried to take advantage of their economic situation;

Whereas Marvin Zindler was best known for his work championing "the little guy" and helping secure medical care for needy children;

Whereas Marvin Zindler was the founder of Marvin's Angels, a group of doctors who provided free medical care for thousands of children and the less fortunate in dire financial or physical health;

Whereas Marvin Zindler also reported international stories and brought to the attention of the American people the plight of amputated Iraqi prisoners;

Whereas seven of these men had their hands restored because of the mobilization efforts of Marvin Zindler, who encouraged private donations of medical facilities and professional care;

Whereas Marvin Zindler's humanitarian efforts encouraged a plastic surgeon in Houston to surgically remove black crosses tattooed on the foreheads of maimed Iraqis under the control of Saddam Hussein;

Whereas Marvin Zindler traveled the world with a team of Houston-based doctors conducting heart surgery for small children and eventually helped build Russia's second largest heart institute;

Whereas, in his 80s and in failing health, Marvin Zindler continued to honor his lifetime of commitment to the people of Houston, Texas, by continuing to file news reports from his hospital bed; and

Whereas, on July 29, 2007, Marvin Harold Zindler died at the age of 85 after more than three decades as the pioneer of consumer reporting: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) extends our deepest condolences to the be-
3 loved family members of Marvin Harold Zindler and
4 his Channel 13 KTRK family; and

5 (2) mourns the passing of Marvin Harold
6 Zindler and honors him for his service to the people
7 of Houston, the American citizenry, and the inter-
8 national community, particularly the politically
9 underrepresented, the economically powerless, and

- 1 physically ill and disabled through his extraordinary
- 2 entrepreneurial journalism.

