

House Resolution

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

April 4, 2006

House Resolution No. 30—Relative to Marco Antonio Firebaugh.

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and a deep sense of
2 loss that the Members of the California Assembly received word
3 of the passing of a respected and admired public servant, one of
4 their most highly regarded, compassionate, and inspirational
5 former colleagues, Marco Antonio Firebaugh, the late former
6 Assembly Member for the 50th Assembly District; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Firebaugh, who served in the California State
8 Assembly from 1998 to 2004, passed away on March 21, 2006;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, He was born in the border town of Tijuana,
11 Mexico, on October 13, 1966, immigrated to the United States at
12 the age of one, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political
13 science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1993, and
14 earned a law degree from the University of California, Los
15 Angeles, in 1997; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2002, Mr. Firebaugh was appointed Majority
17 Floor Leader, and, from 2002 to 2004, Mr. Firebaugh served as
18 Chairperson of the California Latino Legislative Caucus; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Firebaugh's passion to make it possible for
20 all California high school graduates to pursue a college education
21 culminated in his authorship and the enactment into law of
22 landmark legislation, Assembly Bill 540 (Chapter 814 of the
23 Statutes of 2001); and

1 WHEREAS, He authored air quality legislation that provides
2 funding for the state’s most important air emissions reductions
3 programs and ensures that state funding is targeted to
4 low-income communities that are most severely impacted by air
5 pollution; and

6 WHEREAS, In an effort to protect and preserve California’s
7 cultural and historic resources, he authored legislation enacting
8 the California Cultural and Historical Endowment Act, and was
9 appointed to participate in the activities of the California Cultural
10 and Historical Endowment, which the act established to make
11 grants and loans and to develop various cultural and historical
12 programs and projects; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Firebaugh served six years on the State
14 Allocation Board, which provides funding for public school
15 construction and modernization; and

16 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2005, officials dedicated the
17 Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School in Lynwood; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Firebaugh’s personal story, overcoming great
19 odds to graduate from high school, go on to graduate from
20 college and law school, and eventually become a visionary
21 political leader and policymaker in the California Legislature, is
22 an inspiration; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Firebaugh is survived by his children, Tlalli
24 Ariana and Nicolas Andres, and his mother, Carmen Ramos
25 Garcia; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
27 Members express their profound sadness at the passing of former
28 Assembly Member Marco Antonio Firebaugh, convey their
29 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, and, by this
30 resolution, memorialize his numerous accomplishments, which
31 have so greatly enriched the life of his community, state, and
32 nation; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
34 suitably prepared copies of this resolution to Tlalli Ariana
35 Ornelas, Nicolas Andres Ornelas, and Carmen Ramos Garcia.