

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 207

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Oscar Carrillo Sr. was born in Hebronville in Jim
2 Hogg County on November 22, 1921 to David Carrillo (D.C.) Chapa and
3 Emma Pena Carrillo Chapa, and through education, hard work and
4 service to his fellow south Texans became a major factor in the
5 political and economic development of the area; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrillo graduated from Benavides High School in
7 1939 and married Evangelina Garcia on March 23, 1940; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrillo was a veteran of the Second World War in
9 the U.S. Army; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrillo worked hard as a rancher and farmer in
11 Duval County, and along with his wife was blessed with ten children
12 including three sons, David Carrillo and Roberto M. Carrillo, both
13 of Benavides, and Oscar Carrillo of Hebronville, and seven
14 daughters, Diana C. Flores of Sejita and Ludivina C. Benavides,
15 Adriana C. Terry, Rebecca A. Carrillo, Evangelina Kircher, Lucinda
16 Carrillo, and Maria Theresa Carrillo, all of Benavides; and

17 WHEREAS, At the age of 21 Mr. Carrillo was the youngest mayor
18 to serve the city of Benavides; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Carrillo served three terms as State
20 Representative of the 48th District from 1967 to 1973; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Carrillo is best remembered for his
22 role in convincing Texas Legislators to approve the
23 Connally-Carrillo Act that allowed thousands of Texans and
24 low-income students to attend college and area universities; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Carrillo was also credited with
2 co-authoring legislation creating the University of Texas at San
3 Antonio where, in the late 1960's, the University of Texas at San
4 Antonio conferred on him the degrees of Doctor of Political Science
5 and Doctor of Laws; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrillo was a major force in Duval County and
7 south Texas politics and was also a devoted family man who taught
8 his children the value of education and hard work; and

9 WHEREAS, The political life of Mr. Carrillo included service
10 not only to Duval County but also to residents in Starr, Zavala,
11 Brooks, Live Oak, Jim Wells, Jim Hogg and other South Texas
12 Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Texas Monthly Magazine named Mr. Carrillo as one of
14 the top ten most powerful political figures in Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrillo was a pioneer in the Legislature in his
16 time and opened the door for many other south Texans who followed
17 him into state government; and

18 WHEREAS, Oscar Carrillo Sr. died of kidney failure Tuesday,
19 January 22, 2003 at the age of 81, marking the end of an era; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That Oscar Carrillo Sr., for his many
22 accomplishments in his public and private life, is deserving of
23 recognition and the admiration of his fellow Texans and the members
24 of the 78th Legislature; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the family of Oscar Carrillo Sr. as an expression of
27 the esteem of the Texas Legislature to the family of a great Texas

1 leader and father.