SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

In Memory of Filiberto Martinez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Filiberto Martinez, who died October 4, 2003, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Filiberto Martinez was born on August 22, 1922, in Dallas County to Jose C. Martinez and Maria de Jesus Martinez; he graduated from Crozier Technical High School in Dallas, where he was the cartoonist for the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, After completing high school in 1941, Filiberto enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and served in World War II; he married Pauline Zavala after the war, and the couple was blessed with three children and numerous grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Filiberto worked as a chemist for many years; he was a dedicated union member and was actively involved with Local 124, serving it as secretary, treasurer, and vice president; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Filiberto was respected in the community for his many accomplishments; he was a regular volunteer at the Ledbetter Neighborhood Association and the Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Filiberto took part in the political life of the community and was an active member of the Mexican-American Democrats; in 1990, he was named "Chicano" of the year for his work with the organization; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, he was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; together with his wife, he was an administrator for the Cursillo Center, which offers programs for religious renewal, for more than 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Filiberto was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Filiberto R. Martinez: his wife, Pauline Martinez; his daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Tony Sanchez; his sons, Edmund Martinez and Filiberto Martinez, Jr., and his wife, Rosa; his daughter-in-law, Martha Martinez; his brother, Henry Martinez; and his five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Filiberto R. Martinez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 8, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate