SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

In Memory of Alberto González

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Alberto González, who died on April 26, 2004, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Alberto González was born in Laredo and grew up in humble surroundings; he had to leave school at the age of 11 to help support his family; he served in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he moved to Dallas, where his first job involved janitorial work at the Sunshine Biscuit factory; he also worked as an orderly at the Veterans Administration Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Alberto became a pioneer in the business community in Dallas; he was the first Hispanic cab driver, the first Hispanic milkman, and one of the first Hispanic insurance executives in the city; he enjoyed a 27-year career with American National Insurance Company and was the owner of González Funeral Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, A man who never forgot his humble beginnings, he gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues as a strong and fair-minded person who helped others succeed in the insurance business; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Mr. González worked hard to bring homeownership to many deserving members of the community; during the last 15 years of his life, he helped more than 130 families find housing by purchasing, repairing, and reselling abandoned homes to them; and

WHEREAS, A well-known civic leader, Alberto was one of the first Democratic Party precinct chairmen in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Alberto González 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, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Alberto González: his wife, Paula Molina González; his sons, Alberto González, Jr., and Frank González; his daughter, Mary DeLeon; his sisters, Ofelia Emberger, Gloria Justus, and Lupita Morales; and his eight grandchildren and four 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 Alberto González.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2004, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate