SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163 In Memory of Alejandro Acosta, Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Alejandro Acosta, Sr., who died October 15, 2002, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Acosta was a 1944 graduate of Bowie High School, where he was class president all four years; in 1986, he received a paralegal degree from El Paso Community College, where he maintained a 4.0 grade-point average and served as president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; he also attended The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, He served with the United States Army during World War II and the Korean War and earned an expert marksmanship medal; at the age of 19, he was the youngest man to ever reach the rank of master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he was employed for 28 years with El Paso Natural Gas Company, where he served as a data processing supervisor and was recognized as a pioneer in the IBM computer field; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Mr. Acosta gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Acosta 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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Alejandro Acosta, Sr.: his wife, Lucy; his sons, Alejandro Acosta, Jr., and his wife, Rene, and Daniel G. Acosta, and his wife, Susan; his brother Jose Acosta; and his seven grandchildren and great-grandson; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Alejandro Acosta, Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate