

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 356

In Memory
of
Raul Tijerina Gonzalez

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the death of Raul Tijerina Gonzalez, who died March 1, 2003, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Raulito was born in Topo Chico, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, on March 12, 1914, to Amador and Marianna Gonzalez; he enjoyed a happy marriage for 63 years to Maria Bernadina Mauricio Gonzalez, with whom he was blessed to have five children; and

WHEREAS, He served as head waiter for 25 years at the Casa Blanca Cafe; there he was known as "the waiter with iron nerves" for his ability to serve his customers with skill and confidence; over the years, he attended to numerous dignitaries who visited the restaurant, including two Texas governors, several San Antonio mayors, a former president of Mexico, and several ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, He also worked at Lanier High School and Charles Grabner Elementary School before retiring in 1977; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Raulito was respected in the community for his many accomplishments; he was a member of Communities Organized for Public Service, USA, and belonged to Our Lady of Angels Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Raul always impressed those he met with his friendly nature and his positive attitude toward life; he was popular in his neighborhood, where he was fond of visiting and playing cards with his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Raulito 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, A devout Christian, Raulito was a member of Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and as a Eucharistic minister; he was also an active member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Raulito Gonzalez 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Raul Tijerina Gonzalez: his wife, Maria Bernadina Mauricio Gonzalez; his sons, Richard, Humberto, and Raul M. Gonzalez; his daughters, Anna Maria Lomas and Maria Magdalena G. Treviño; his brother, Manuel T. Gonzalez; and his 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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 Raul Gonzalez.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate