

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 495

In Memory  
of  
Oscar Martinez Gallegos

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Metairie, Louisiana, in mourning the loss of Oscar Martinez Gallegos, who died March 30, 2003, at the age of 75; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar Gallegos was born on July 28, 1927, in Houston, to Jessie S. Gallegos and Ventura M. Alonzo; he grew up in the Magnolia Park barrio in Houston, where his personality and talent for telling jokes earned him many lifelong friends who will dearly miss his presence; and

**WHEREAS**, At the age of 16, Oscar joined the Merchant Marines Service and served on the *American Eagle* during World War II; he retired from the Merchant Marines after 32 years of service and spent another 11 years as a member of the Boiler Marines before retiring to live in Mississippi with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, A patriotic American throughout his life, Oscar Gallegos was a member of the American Legion Post 77 in Waveland, Mississippi, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, During his retirement years, he spent many hours enjoying his beloved Mexican and Tejano music and entertaining his family with his jokes and stories; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Oscar gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and sense of humor will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar Gallegos lived his life to the fullest and 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 Oscar Martinez Gallegos: his wife of 58 years, Beatrice T. Gallegos; his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Ruby Gallegos and Arnold and Karen Gallegos; his sisters, Minerva Villagomez, Mary Sanchez, Linda Rodriguez, and Yolanda Lorio; his brothers, George L. Gallegos, Robert Gallegos, and Alonzo Alonzo; his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews; 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 Oscar Martinez Gallegos.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate