

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 968**

**WHEREAS**, For more than three decades, the Honorable Carlos F. Truan played an instrumental role in shaping the destiny of the Lone Star State, serving the citizens of South Texas with dedication and vision over the course of an impressive, and indeed unprecedented, career as a member of both the senate and the house of representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Truan, a native of Kingsville, earned his business degree at Texas A&I University in 1959 and was elected to serve in the Texas House of Representatives in 1968, taking office the following year; and

**WHEREAS**, Following four successful terms in the house, during which time he served as chairman of the Committee on Human Resources, he won election to the Texas Senate, and among the major issues that he supported during his 25 years as a senator were public education, higher education, environmental protection, and mental health care; Senator Truan also served as chair of the Senate Committee on International Relations, Trade and Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, In the 69th Legislature, his colleagues elected him and reelected him to the post of senate president pro tempore during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd called sessions, and with the advent of the 74th Legislature, he became the first Hispanic legislator to serve as dean of the Texas Senate, an achievement that was applauded by his peers in both chambers and by citizens throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Truan is rightfully hailed as one of the state's most influential supporters of public education; in addition to sponsoring the Texas Bilingual Education Act and the Texas Adult Education Act, he helped obtain increased funding for institutions of higher learning and successfully led the charge to bring South Texas schools into The Texas A&M University System and The University of Texas System; and

**WHEREAS**, This preeminent public servant, when not fulfilling his legislative duties, has enjoyed a 43-year career as an insurance agent with New York Life, and his achievements have earned him status as a Life and Qualifying Member of the Million Dollar Round Table; he remains active in many civic and charitable organizations in South Texas, such as Kiwanis International, Knights of Columbus, and the League of United Latin American Citizens; a member of the American G.I. Forum, he is known for his selfless work on behalf of American servicemen, and while in the senate, he served as chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Truan is a devoted family man who enjoys a rewarding marriage with his wife, Elvira; the couple, who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2003, take

immense pride in their four children, Maria, Rene, Veronica, and Carlos, and their two cherished grandchildren, Aaron and Kirsten; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his innumerable efforts in behalf of this state and nation, Kingsville has honored its native son with the unveiling of Senator Carlos F. Truan Boulevard; tribute has also been paid to the senator by the communities of Edcouch and Elsa, which renamed the local junior high school in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Truan may reflect with pride on the lasting legacy of achievement he has crafted during a most distinguished career in public office; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Honorable Carlos F. Truan for his many years of exemplary service in the Texas Legislature and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued happiness and success in his postlegislative endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Senator Truan as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate