

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

In Memory
of
Elijio Luis Perez Ramos

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Elijio Luis Perez Ramos, who died June 27, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1934 in Pflugerville, Elijio was the oldest child of the music-making Ramos family that became legendary in Tejano music; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army from 1951 until 1954; he attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, His daytime career included management positions in state government and the private sector, but his musical career was the creative center of his life; he played the saxophone and sang in the Tejano Music Hall of Fame Alfonso Ramos Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, He contributed to the "wall of horns" sound in concerts and recordings of his brothers Alfonso Ramos and Grammy-award-winning Ruben Ramos and the Texas Revolution; he and Alfonso, with their cousin Jesse Mercado and other musicians, provided saxophone while they played legendary rancheras, polkas, and boleros, producing a sound unobtainable with modern electronics; and

WHEREAS, Elijio Ramos will be remembered for his dignity and his dauntless spirit; and

WHEREAS, Elijio 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, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Elijio Luis Perez Ramos; his beloved wife, Jackie; his daughter, Sandra Veronica Dautel; his sons, Carlos Ramos, David Ramos, and Brandon Ramos; his stepsons, Richard Wilson and Chris Wilson; and his four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren; 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 Elijio Ramos.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 12, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate