

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

In Memory
of
Juan Morales Solar

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Juan Morales "John" Solar, who died April 17, 2006, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, John was born to Juan Solar, Sr., and Maria Zapopan Morales on September 26, 1923, in Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico; his family immigrated to the United States soon after his birth to escape the political and economic aftermath of the Mexican Revolution; they settled in Magnolia Park near Houston, in what is now one of the oldest Latino neighborhoods in the city; and

WHEREAS, He attended Lorenzo de Zavala Elementary School, and he sold newspapers and shined shoes to supplement his family's income; he became the head of his household at the age of 14, and he soon began a 35-year career with the United States Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, a German submarine torpedoed his ship, and it sank off the coast of Trinidad and Tobago; he survived being adrift at sea, but suffered serious injury; John refused surgery and recovered through his own determination; he was awarded the Mariner's Medal, among other recognitions, for his service and the wounds he suffered in World War II; and

WHEREAS, John married Lucy Ybarra in 1945, and the devoted couple raised seven children, Cynthia Rodriguez, Lydia Sobhi, Michael Solar, Laura Solar, Joseph Solar, Julie Vega, and

Tina Maben; his children and grandchildren were a source of much pride and joy in his life; and

WHEREAS, John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother, 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, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and many friends of Juan Morales Solar; 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 Juan Morales Solar.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate