

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

In Memory
of
Rudy Casarez Ortiz

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Rudy Casarez Ortiz, who died April 14, 2006, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Ortiz was born in Beeville and moved to San Antonio as a child; he graduated from Holy Cross High School and served in the United States Army for two years; he earned a bachelor's degree in English from The University of Texas at Austin in 1970 and a master's degree in social work from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1975; and

WHEREAS, For most of his 30-year career with the Alamo Community College District, he served as a counselor at San Antonio College, where he was noted for founding the Cyberspace Poetry Society as an outlet for poetry for faculty and staff; he also served as a counselor and an associate professor at Saint Philips College; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Rudy was part of the first group of ethnic minority city council candidates elected from single-member districts; he left the council after one term, but he continued to be involved in many community activities, such as voter registration drives; and

WHEREAS, A councilman, counselor, mentor, civil rights activist, and poet, Rudy Ortiz was well known for his dependability and his compassion for others, and his wisdom,

warmth, and valued counsel will long be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Rudy 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, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rudy Casarez Ortiz: his wife of 39 years, Margarita Petra Ortiz; his daughters, Michelle Zuñiga and Elizabeth Ortiz; his son, Eric Ortiz; his father, George Moya Ortiz; his brothers, Manuel, George, and Joe Ortiz; and his three 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 Rudy Ortiz.

Van de Putte

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