

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 224**

**WHEREAS**, For more than 30 years, Senator Frank Madla has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all Texans and the Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize him for his distinguished and meritorious legislative service; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Madla joined the Texas Senate in 1993 after serving in the House of Representatives for 20 years; he chairs the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and serves on the Finance, Natural Resources, and State Affairs Committees; he served as president pro tempore ad interim following the 79th Regular Session and was Governor for a Day on April 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his 13-year tenure with the Senate, Frank Madla has loyally and faithfully addressed the needs of his diverse constituency in Senate District 19, the largest district in the state, which covers an area from El Paso to San Antonio and two-thirds of the Texas-Mexico border; and

**WHEREAS**, Although a quiet and thoughtful man of gentle nature, Frank Madla passionately fights for the causes he believes in, and he has worked relentlessly to improve education and health care, help seniors and the less fortunate, and bring jobs to our state; he carried legislation to improve the wine industry in Texas and to bring a new Toyota manufacturing plant to San Antonio, adding billions of dollars to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Madla has been widely recognized for his many accomplishments on behalf of this state; he has been the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from The University of Texas at San Antonio Hispanic Research Center, the Advocacy Leadership Award from the Texas Hospital Association, and the Best Legislator Award from *Texas Medicine*; he was named Outstanding Legislator by the Texas Police Chiefs Association and Legislator of the Year by the Association of Rural Communities in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A graduate of Saint Mary's University, Frank Madla was a junior high school teacher before beginning his service in the Texas Legislature; he is known for his devotion to traditional family values and has been supported throughout his career by his wife, Helen, and his children, Dr. Frank Madla III and Marci Madla; he has been blessed with a granddaughter, Aleena; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Madla's service in the legislature has been a valuable asset to the citizens of Southwest Texas and Texans across the state, and his presence in the Texas Senate will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Frank Madla for his outstanding service and his many contributions to his state and extend best wishes to him in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Senator Madla as an expression of highest esteem and respect from his colleagues in the Texas Senate.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate