

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263

In Memory
of
Carmen Anaya

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Pharr and Las Milpas in mourning the loss of Carmen Anaya, who died on May 12, 2006, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Anaya was a longtime community activist, who helped found and build Valley Interfaith; this church-based organization has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for residents of the colonias; and

WHEREAS, Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Carmen moved to the United States as a teenager; she and her husband, José, worked as migrant workers for almost 20 years; the couple became the proprietors of the Anaya general store on Cage Boulevard, running the business for more than 30 years; as a storekeeper, Mrs. Anaya learned about many of the community's problems from her customers, such as the lack of sewers and running water in the colonias; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1980s the bishop of the Brownsville Diocese, John J. Fitzpatrick, asked her and several other community leaders to launch Valley Interfaith; Carmen Anaya was also instrumental in helping acquire federal grants for sewer lines outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Anaya was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her 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 Carmen Anaya: her husband, José Anaya; her daughters, Diana, Minerva, Consuelo, and Linda; her sons, José Anaya, Jr., and Eduardo Anaya; her sisters, Elena Salazar, Elvia Oviedo, and Manuela Chaires; her brother, Guadalupe Rodríguez; and her eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of her family as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa, Lucio

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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