

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 389

In Memory
of
Raul A. Besteiro

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Brownsville in mourning the loss of Raul A. Besteiro, Jr., who died November 14, 2004, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Raul Besteiro, known to his friends as "Mr. B.," earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville; and

WHEREAS, From 1997 until his death, Mr. Besteiro served as director and chief executive officer of the Port of Brownsville; formerly, he was a schoolteacher and a principal with the Brownsville Independent School District before serving as the district's superintendent from 1976 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected community leader, he played an instrumental role in the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement legislation and worked diligently to improve the economy of the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Besteiro's many civic and professional positions included the chairmanship of the board of the International Bank of Commerce for Cameron County and the vice chairmanship of the Brownsville & Rio Grande Railroad; in addition, he was a member of the Institutional Development Board at The University of Texas at Brownsville and of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership; he served as board president of the Historical Brownsville Museum, and he was a member of United Way of South Texas and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, For his many years of outstanding educational service, the Brownsville Independent School District named the Besteiro Middle School in his honor in 1994; he was named a Distinguished Alumnus by The University of Texas at Brownsville in 2000, and he was inducted into the Legends of Texas Hall of Fame in 2001 for his contributions to the community and state; and

WHEREAS, Raul Besteiro lived his life to the fullest and 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Raul A. Besteiro, Jr.: his wife, Guillermina Besteiro; his son, Raul Adrian Besteiro III; his

daughters, Mina Fernandez, Pilar Herrera, Lucy Martin, Adriana McKinney, and Cecilia Besteiro; and his six 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 Raul A. Besteiro, Jr.

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| Duncan | Lindsay | West |
| Ellis | Madla | Whitmire |
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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate