

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 492

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Robert Bernal for his contributions to the United States Navy during the pivotal battle for Iwo Jima in the Pacific theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Strategically situated, the small island of Iwo Jima stood as one of the last barriers between the United States Navy and the Japanese homeland in February 1945; and

WHEREAS, The expected five-day battle lasted five grueling weeks, and seaman Robert Bernal and his crew on the landing craft lived on C-rations and K-rations the entire time; from the boat, they witnessed the United States flag being raised by a few Marines on top of Mount Suribachi; and

WHEREAS, Sixty years later, Robert Bernal vividly remembers Iwo Jima; he is proud to have served his country in the historic battle; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, Robert served three years in the Texas National Guard; he was employed by the Texas State Troopers Association for many years, and now serves as a car guard for the Texas Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Robert Bernal for his service to his country and to the state; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate