

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 574

In Memory
of
Minerva Barnard Leal

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Minerva Barnard Leal, who died March 14, 2005, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Minerva Barnard was born in Corpus Christi on December 27, 1917, to Juan G. and Maria Salinas Barnard, and she lived in Corpus Christi all of her life; she was preceded in death by her husband, Onofre "Frank" Leal; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from Incarnate Word Academy and attended Del Mar College; a longtime Nueces County employee, she worked for three years in the tax collector's office and for 45 years in the county clerk's office, where she was chief deputy county clerk; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, she was active in numerous community organizations; she served as president of the Incarnate Word Academy Alumni Association and as president of the American Business Women's Association; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, she was a member of Corpus Christi Cathedral and served on the parish council; she was a member of the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Daughters; and

WHEREAS, Noted for her charm, warmth, and generosity, Minerva Leal enriched the lives of all who knew her, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest was an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Minerva was a devoted 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Minerva Barnard Leal: her son, Juan Onofre Leal; her daughters, Norma Leal Dishman, Sylvia Leal Ybarra, and Minerva Leal-Gaytan; and her 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild; 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 deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Minerva Leal.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate