

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 982

In Memory
of
Simon Y. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Simon Y. Rodriguez, who died May 3, 2005, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born April 1, 1928, in Del Rio, to Dr. Simon and Catalina Vargas Rodriguez, Simon attended Del Rio High School and The University of Texas at Austin; he earned his law degree from Saint Mary's University School of Law and his master's degree of law from the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Simon had a long and distinguished career in the United States Army; among his numerous citations were the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Vietnam Service Medal with Three Battle Stars; and

WHEREAS, After his military career, Simon continued to serve the public interest by becoming chief legal counsel for the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Simon belonged to many professional organizations, among them the American Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas; he was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The State Bar of Texas honored Simon for his contributions and his commitment to the principle of equal justice for all; he also received recognition for 50 years as a member of the state bar; and

WHEREAS, Simon gave generously of himself to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother, he leaves behind memories that will be cherished 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 Lieutenant Colonel Simon Y. Rodriguez: his wife, Mary Helen Rodriguez; his daughters, Virginia Hunkin and Diana Pfaff; his sons, Simon D. Rodriguez, Hector M. Rodriguez, Tre' Valadez, and Raymond Valadez; his sisters, Leticia R. Galindo

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and Rosa Marta R. Trevino; his brother, Rolando Rodriguez; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Lieutenant Colonel Simon Y. Rodriguez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate