

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

In Memory
of
Fernando Guerra

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Fernando Guerra, who died January 11, 2007, at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, Fernando Guerra was born June 29, 1910, in San Antonio to Amado Guerra and Joaquina Garza de Guerra; he graduated from Brackenridge High School and was the first Mexican American from San Antonio to graduate from The University of Texas College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, After working as a pharmacist for Socorro Drug Store and Navarro Drug Store, Mr. Guerra opened Farmacia Guerra in 1939; he sold the pharmacy in 1973, and at one time, he owned and operated four pharmacies in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, He was married for many years to Eva Vela Guerra, the mother of his four children, who preceded him in death; in 1993, he married Herlinda M. Bernal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra was active in many civic organizations and boards, including the Pan American Optimists, the Bexar County Pharmaceutical Association, the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, the Family Services Association, the Mexican Chamber of Commerce, and Saint Anthony's Day Care Center Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra received many honors over the years, and he especially cherished the tribute he received from the San Antonio Association of Cuban Physicians in Exile; the City of San Antonio recognized him in 1999 by naming a street in his honor near his childhood home and his pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Fernando Guerra: his wife, Herlinda Bernal Guerra; his daughters, Dardanella G. Cardenas and Irma G. Perez; his sons, Dr. Fernando A. Guerra and Raul E. Guerra; his stepsons, Dr. Ernesto Bernal and the Reverend Eddie Bernal; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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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 Fernando Guerra.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate