

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 370

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Joe J. Bernal of San Antonio on the grand occasion of his 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Joe Bernal was born March 1, 1927; he graduated from Trinity University and earned his master's degree at Our Lady of the Lake University and his doctorate at The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal has had an impressive career that has spanned more than 50 years and has included service in both education and state government; he has served as a social worker, a classroom teacher, a principal, an assistant superintendent, a state representative, and a state senator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernal was elected to the State Board of Education in 1996; he served as vice chairman of the board from 2001 to 2003; he recently served as chairman of the board's Committee on Instruction; and

WHEREAS, During his years of service in the Senate, Mr. Bernal was the primary author of many bills that were enacted into law and that dealt with such matters of import as creating free statewide kindergartens for some five-year olds, establishing The University of Texas at San Antonio, authorizing the first minimum wage law in Texas, and creating a dental school and a nursing school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Joe Bernal is an adjunct professor at The University of Texas at San Antonio in bicultural and bilingual studies; he is highly respected for his outstanding accomplishments and his longtime and exemplary service to his community and state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize Joe Bernal as a treasured citizen of San Antonio and the State of Texas and extend best wishes to him on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as a memento of this special day.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate