

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 466

In Memory
of
Alex Vidal

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Alex Vidal, who died February 27, 2007, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Alex Vidal was born November 13, 1929, in San Antonio; he served his country in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1950; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Mr. Vidal returned to San Antonio and joined the San Antonio Fire Department; he paved the way for others in his family to become firefighters, including his brother, two of his sons, and two nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vidal had an illustrious 44-year career with the department; among the newsworthy fires he helped fight were the Tower Life Building fire and the Produce Row fire, which nearly leveled Produce Row, where Market Square now sits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vidal spent most of his career at Station 1 and at Station 38, from which he retired in 1994 with the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, He was a man of courage, strength, and compassion, who gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, kindness, and dauntless spirit will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he was an inspiration to others, and although he will be deeply missed by his family and friends, his spirit will abide in their hearts for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Alex Vidal: his sons, Robert E. Vidal, Alex A. Vidal, Jr., and Ruben A. Vidal; his daughters, Maria Elena Vidal Quintana and Diana Vidal Andrade; his sister, Gloria Garcia; his brothers, Henry A. Vidal, Jr., and Roland R. Vidal; and his 12 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 Alex Vidal.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate