SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 825

In Memory of Armando Peralta

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Armando Peralta, who died March 12, 2007, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Armando Peralta was born January 27, 1932, in Terrero, New Mexico, to Mercedes and Casimiro Peralta; he was living in Hawaii when he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951; he served in Korea, becoming one of only three survivors of a mortar attack that killed most of his company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peralta married Maria Perez in 1955, and the couple were married for 45 years; he attended the Texas Western College of Mines while working at the post office and then continued his education at the Bates School of Law at the University of Houston; and

WHEREAS, After earning his law degree, Mr. Peralta returned to El Paso where he successfully practiced law for 42 years and served nine years as a municipal judge; he served as president of the El Paso Bar Association and was instrumental in the creation of the El Paso Legal Assistance Society; and

WHEREAS, A valued participant in civic affairs, Mr. Peralta served on the El Paso Parks and Recreation Board; he was active in the Boy's Club of El Paso and coached Little League baseball; he was a softball player and a runner, often competing in local and out-of-town races; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, integrity, 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. Peralta was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Armando Peralta: his daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Rick McLaughlin, Terry and Jesse Vredenburgh, and Jeanenne and Alan Green; his son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Kristine Peralta; his seven grandchildren; and his three brothers and three sisters; 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 Armando Peralta.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate