

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 903

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez, a renowned Texas senator and United States Congressman who spent decades working on behalf of Texans; and

WHEREAS, Henry Gonzalez was the first Mexican American to serve in the Texas Senate, and he was the first Mexican American to represent the State of Texas in Congress; he was known as a gentleman of unbending principles and was noted for his longtime efforts to thwart segregationist legislation; and

WHEREAS, He began his distinguished career in public service 50 years ago as a member of the Texas Senate in the 55th legislative session of 1957; he continued to serve in the 56th and 57th sessions before resigning his seat to become a United States Representative; and

WHEREAS, In Congress, he enjoyed overwhelming support from his district and was reelected to serve 18 consecutive terms before retiring from public service; he died on November 28, 2000; and

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2007, the 91st anniversary of the day Henry Gonzalez was born, a commemorative celebration of his life and his many accomplishments will be held in the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The event will include a display in the Capitol Extension of several archive items reflecting his service that are part of the Henry B. Gonzalez Papers at the Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry B. Gonzalez, a man of courage and integrity who was one of this state's most distinguished citizens and leaders; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Henry B. Gonzalez.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate