

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 956

In Memory  
of  
Peter Torres, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Peter Torres, Jr., who died April 27, 2007, at the age of 73; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Torres, Jr., practiced law for 44 years as an advocate of individual and consumer rights; he argued cases before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Southern and Western United States District Courts, and the State Bar of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, He was born December 2, 1933; he graduated cum laude from Saint Mary's University with a bachelor's degree in government and completed his doctorate of jurisprudence at Saint Mary's University School of Law while working full-time as a teacher in the Edgewood Independent School District; Mr. Torres honorably served his nation in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Torres served on the San Antonio City Council from 1967 through 1971, and he played a major role in the demise of the political machine known as the Good Government League of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, He was one of the first San Antonio attorneys to receive a certification in criminal law, and he served as the first chairman of the Hispanic issues section of the State Bar of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A founding member of the Mexican-American Bar Association of San Antonio, Mr. Torres belonged to the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the National Association of Consumer Advocates, and the San Antonio Bar Association; among the many awards and accolades he received were the Henry B. Gonzalez Award and the Reynaldo G. Garza Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Torres built a life remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments, and he will be remembered for his courage and compassion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Peter Torres, Jr.: his wife, Shirley A. Ehrlich; his children, Denise Tompkins, Peter Alan Torres, Tina Cheryl Torres, and Paul A. Torres; his sister, Dolores Juliano; his brothers, Roger Torres and Frank Torres; and his four 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 Peter Torres, Jr.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate