

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1034

WHEREAS, Distinguished physician Dr. Benjamin Interiano is reaching an important milestone in his life with his 65th birthday on May 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Born in Santa Ana, El Salvador, in 1942, Dr. Interiano graduated from the University of El Salvador and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center; he is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and diplomate as well in the specialty of pulmonary disease; and

WHEREAS, After being in private practice in El Salvador for 17 years, Dr. Interiano moved to Houston in 1989 and took a position as assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine; as an associate professor at Baylor he was the founding medical director of the Asthma Institute of Houston; he has also served as the associate director of the Institute of Preventive Medicine and director of diagnostic testing at Methodist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, At present he is in private practice at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital and a clinical associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Making invaluable contributions to his profession, Dr. Interiano was Governor for El Salvador of the American College of Chest Physicians, and he has been president of the Hispanic American Medical Association of Houston and the Salvadoran American Medical Society, as well as chairman of the Council of International Medical Societies of the Harris County Medical Society; he has been a member of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the American Lung Association of Texas, and currently he is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Harris County Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Interiano's professional achievements have been recognized many times; in 1970 he was the Mead Johnson Scholar of the American College of Physicians and the first pulmonary and critical care fellow at the University of Rochester Medical Center; he was awarded a Presidential Citation from the government of El Salvador in 1989, and in 1992 he received the Humanitarian Award from the American Lung Association; in 2006 he was named one of America's top physicians by the Consumer's Research Council of America; and

WHEREAS, He has also received the Telemundo Hispanic Excellence Award for Outstanding Service to the Hispanic Community in 1992 and an award in 2004 for his outstanding community work from the Hispanic American Medical Association of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Bolstered by the love and devotion of his wife, Rita, his sons, Roberto, Mauricio, Gerardo, and Rodrigo, and his grandchildren, Gabriela, Roberto, Mauricio, Cristina, Claudia, Marcos, Lucia, and Andrea, Dr. Interiano has given generously of his great gifts to his patients, his profession, and his community, and he is most deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate Dr. Benjamin Interiano on his 65th birthday and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Interiano as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate