

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1038

In Memory  
of  
Fernando D. Villarreal

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Fernando D. "Ferny" Villarreal, who died April 16, 2007, at the age of 63; and

**WHEREAS**, Fernando Villarreal was born on May 30, 1943, and grew up on Garfield Alley in downtown San Antonio; he overcame tremendous odds to live a fruitful, productive, and rewarding life; he was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Gomez Villarreal; and

**WHEREAS**, He was an avid sportsman as a young man and a standout baseball player with the San Antonio Red Sox and the San Antonio Black Socks; he was one of the few Mexican Americans to play in the African American baseball leagues in the early 1960s, and he was a coach for several Little League teams at Prospect Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a 23-year employee of the San Antonio Independent School District and was passionate about the role he played in the education of disadvantaged youths; for a period, he also served as a licensed barber and took pride in making a warm and hospitable place for his clients; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferny Villarreal was a beloved and esteemed member of the San Antonio community, and he will be greatly missed;

he was a devoted father and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Fernando D. Villarreal: his sons, Fernando Villarreal, Jr., Lorenzo Villarreal, Darrell Villarreal, and Adam Villarreal; and his grandchildren, Andrew, Ethan, Aiden, and Alyson; 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 Fernando D. Villarreal.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate