

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1095

In Memory
of
Jose Luis Flores

WHEREAS, It was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of the Texas Senate and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Jose Luis Flores, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Antonio lost a native son with the passing of Joe Flores on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the age of 84; born in San Antonio on August 8, 1922, Joe Flores was a distinguished citizen of our state and an exemplary gentleman who was dedicated to his wife, family, church, and community; and

WHEREAS, He was a devout Christian and served as an active parishioner of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church for 47 years; he also worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others and their communities by serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps; and

WHEREAS, He proudly served his country in the United States Navy on board the USS *Shangri-La* during World War II; he was wounded in battle and received a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Following his service in the navy, he returned to San Antonio, where he resumed his work at Kelly Air Force Base and served the United States government with distinction as a federal police officer for 35 years; he also established an importing business and imported the first jalapeño peppers from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, He was given the privilege of guarding his Holiness Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his visit to San Antonio and received a Papal blessing upon the Pope's departure from Kelly Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, He believed strongly in the importance of citizenship and a strong work ethic, and he will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby honor the life of Jose Luis Flores, Sr., and extend profound condolences to the members of his family: his wife of 54 years, Zayra Medrano de Flores; his children, Theresa Dougherty, Joe L. Flores, Jr., and his wife, Rose, Gerald M. Flores and his wife, Judge Karen Crouch, Zayra M. Flores, Kathy Guerra and her husband, Ivan, Javier Flores and his wife, Esther; his grandchildren, David Dougherty and his wife, Sylvia, Alexander and Amanda Mena, Gerald, Nicholas, Lillianna Flores, Giovanni Guerra, Angelica and Javier Flores; and his great grandchildren, Peyton and Ethan Dougherty; 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 the memory of Jose Luis Flores, Sr.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate