

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

In Memory
of
Jose Julio Vela

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Dr. Jose Julio Vela, who died January 18, 2009, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Born January 3, 1941, to Catalina de la Pena and Mauro Vela, Dr. Julio Vela spent his early years helping his parents on their dairy farm in Realitos, Texas; he graduated from Benavides High School and earned a degree in pharmacy from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, After a successful pharmacy career in Houston, he studied medicine, graduating from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and completing his gastroenterology residency in Temple; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Corpus Christi and became a respected member of the medical community, where he was known for his wit, humor, and generosity; he was dedicated to his work in gastroenterology and retired in 1999 due to ill health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julio Vela was a source of strength to others, and throughout his life, he eagerly shared his wisdom, humor, and points of view with those he loved; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julio Vela was beloved by his family and his many friends, 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, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Jose Julio Vela; 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 Dr. Julio Vela.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate