

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 422

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joe Avila on the notable occasion of his 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman is well known for his wisdom and generosity of spirit, and he is a respected citizen of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Joe Avila was born April 14, 1929; he served the nation in the armed services during the Korean War; after the war, he returned home and married Paula Robles, who worked at his parents' bakery, and the couple raised two daughters, Carolina Avila and Rose Maciel; and

WHEREAS, Joe learned the bakery business from his stepfather Florentino DeLa'O, and in 1962 he opened his own bakery, Joe's Bakery and Coffee Shop; today, his daughters and his granddaughter, Regina Estrada, are ably carrying on his legacy as managers of this East Austin institution; and

WHEREAS, In honor of his birthday and the 102nd birthday of his mother, Sophia Perez DeLa'O, family and friends are joining them as they celebrate the occasion together on April 1, 2009, at Joe's Bakery and Coffee Shop; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate Joe Avila on his 80th birthday and extend to him best wishes for a festive and enjoyable celebration of this milestone in his life; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate