

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 831

In Memory
of
Ricardo B. Calderon

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Valentine in mourning the loss of Ricardo B. Calderon, who died April 19, 2009, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Richard Calderon was born in Candelaria, Texas, on April 4, 1917; he moved to Valentine with his family while still a young child; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calderon served in the United States Army during World War II in the North African Theater as an engineer technician; he was the survivor of a land mine explosion, which left him with a broken skull and back; and

WHEREAS, Upon his recovery, he attended a barber school in Lubbock, and he went on to have a successful career as a barber for over 40 years; he cut hair for the people of Valentine, Van Horn, Marfa, and Pecos; he was very proud to have served his country and would often share his stories of military experiences with others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calderon was an exemplary gentleman who was beloved by many, and he was respected in the community for his courage, strength, and generous spirit; he was married to Maria Rios Calderon, and the couple was blessed with two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Ricardo B. Calderon; 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 Richard Calderon.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate