

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 865

In Memory
of
Michael J. Sanchez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Dr. Michael J. Sanchez, who recently died at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Sanchez was a committed, compassionate physician who was highly respected in his community for his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez began his medical career in the United States Air Force as a physician assistant; with the encouragement of his colleagues, he attended medical school and earned a medical degree at the University of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez later became director of the emergency department at the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, where he was chosen to accompany President Bill Clinton to Pakistan and India as part of the medical team aboard Air Force One; and

WHEREAS, Following his military career, Dr. Sanchez joined the staff at Southeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, where he served as director of emergency medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez then joined the staff at University Hospital at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where his energy and enthusiasm revitalized the University Hospital Emergency Center; under his leadership, the emergency center greatly reduced waiting times and reduced the number of patients turned away for lack of beds; and

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WHEREAS, A man of courage, dedication, and generosity; he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, compassion, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanchez was a devoted husband and father, and he will long be remembered for his generous spirit and his many accomplishments; 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. Michael J. Sanchez: his wife, Apelle Sanchez; and his daughters, Carla Parker and Suzanne Sanchez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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. Michael J. Sanchez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate