

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 873

In Memory
of
David Berlanga, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of David Berlanga, Jr., who died April 20, 2009, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Born August 14, 1943, David Berlanga was educated at Texas A&I University and the University of Michigan; he spent most of his adult life working in the field of education on both the public school level and the college level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berlanga had a successful career as a professor of education at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi; he retired in 2005 after nearly 30 years of service; he was an inspiration to his students and encouraged them to learn to teach in two languages so that they could help students whose English was limited; and

WHEREAS, It was due to his grant writing that many students earned college degrees through scholarships; in addition, he and his wife, Mary Helen, offered scholarships to students and encouraged them to complete their education; his impact on individuals and the field of education will have an effect for years to come; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman, David Berlanga was noted for his engaging personality and his enthusiastic spirit, and he was highly respected for his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, David Berlanga was beloved by his family and friends, and he leaves behind memories that will be deeply

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treasured 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 David Berlanga, Jr.; 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 David Berlanga, Jr.

Hinojosa

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