

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 913

In Memory
of
Raymond De La Cruz

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Raymond De La Cruz, who died May 1, 2009, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Lampasas, Mr. De La Cruz overcame the lack of a formal education to become a highly successful businessman and entrepreneur; he drew on the knowledge he gained as a teenage apprentice to own several businesses devoted to electronics and television repair, and he also owned a restaurant and park concession business; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Mr. De La Cruz exhibited outstanding talent as a baseball player and was recruited to play for a farm team of the Houston Astros; he was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and he became an avid birdwatcher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. De La Cruz moved to Austin in 1988 and opened East Austin TV and VCR, which became a gathering place for political events and fundraisers; he loved music and with his son, Randy, produced two music CDs; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his kindness, good humor, and enthusiasm for living life to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. De La Cruz was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and many friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life 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 Raymond De La Cruz: his beloved wife, Elena Diaz De La Cruz; his children, Maggie Cano, Victoria Cano, and Randy De La Cruz; his brothers, Robert and Rey De La Cruz; his sister, Lori Rivera; and his granddaughters, Jessica and Chloe; 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 Raymond De La Cruz.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate