

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 979

In Memory  
of  
Arnold Vera, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Arnold Vera, Jr., who died May 16, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold Vera was born in Rio Grande City to Arnoldo Vera, Sr., and Petra Gonzalez; he graduated from Rio Grande City High School, where he lettered in basketball and track; he attended Pan American University in Edinburg and managed to capture a spot on the basketball team as a walk-on; it was there that he was given the nickname "Pizza"; and

**WHEREAS**, He worked for a time as a coach at Central Texas College in Killeen and had a full and successful career that included working for the cities of Mission and Edinburg as a public works director; he more recently had been involved with construction and development; diligent and conscientious, he took great pride in his work; and

**WHEREAS**, Arnold was known for his great love for his family; he especially cherished the women in his life: his devoted wife of 22 years, Yoli, with whom he enjoyed traveling and seeing the world; his daughters, Ashley Nicole and Vanessa Renee; his mother, Petra Gonzalez Vera; and his sisters, Yolanda Ford and Hortensia Pena; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, he was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church as well as First Baptist Church in Edinburg; he was a kind and gentle man known for his unassuming

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nature, his generosity, and his devotion to his family, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Arnold Vera, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; 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 Arnold Vera, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate