SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

In Memory
of
Ramiro Raul Casso

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of legendary South Texas physician, educator, and civil rights leader Dr. Ramiro Raul Casso, who died June 23, 2011, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Ramiro R. Casso was born in Laredo on August 4, 1922; he earned an engineering degree from Texas A&M University in 1943 and served overseas during World War II; after returning to Laredo, he worked as an engineer for two years; and

WHEREAS, He then earned a medical degree and moved with his family to McAllen; he had a private practice in family medicine for 37 years and devoted much time to treating the indigent and uninsured, opening a charity medical clinic for farmworkers and helping to found the Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from private practice in 1994, he continued working for civil rights and better access to health care at the local, state, and national levels; he helped found the nursing program at South Texas College and was instrumental in the establishment of its Nursing and Allied Health Center, which was subsequently named after him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted and caring husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will long be treasured by his family, his many friends, and all those who had the good fortune of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Ramiro Raul Casso 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 Dr. Ramiro Raul Casso.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 28, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate