

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

In Memory
of
Mary Espiritu

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Mary Espiritu, who died January 15, 2011, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Mary Espiritu was born in San Antonio on September 8, 1922, to Richard and Amelia DeLeon; during her 40-year tenure as an employee at Kelly Air Force Base, she progressed from clerk typist to logistics management specialist; and

WHEREAS, She was a longtime advocate of equal rights for women and minorities, and she counseled and mentored many women throughout her life; citing her own example of attaining a bachelor's degree while working full-time and being a mother, she encouraged women to pursue a higher education; and

WHEREAS, She was active in her community and held leadership positions with various civic organizations, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, where she served as president of Council 4619 and as women's deputy for District XV; she received numerous awards over the years, was recognized as one of the "100 Outstanding Hispanic Women in Communications" by a national Hispanic magazine, and was inducted into the National Hispanic Women's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mary Espiritu had a positive impact on the lives of many people through her volunteer work and her service to her community; a devoted mother and grandmother, she leaves behind memories that will be treasured for years to come by her family, her many friends, and all those who had the good fortune of knowing this dynamic and caring woman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the memory of Mary Espiritu and extend sincere condolences to her bereaved family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Mary Espiritu.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate