

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 270

In Memory
of
Beatrice Theresa Gonzalez Aleman

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Beatrice Theresa Gonzalez Aleman, who died February 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Gonzalez, "Bea," as her family and friends knew her, was born December 6, 1943, to Jose and Amelia Gonzalez; she moved with her family to a small house on Saint Francis Street in San Antonio's South Side in 1955; with her brothers and sisters, she attended Saint Philip of Jesus School; and

WHEREAS, On her first day of the seventh grade, she met Joseph Lawrence Aleman; they became friends, fell in love, and ultimately married 14 years later in Saint Philip Church; the devoted couple raised four children together and were married for 41 years; and

WHEREAS, Bea graduated from Incarnate Word High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Incarnate Word College; she earned two master's degrees in education and administration but stopped working on a doctoral degree to focus more on her growing family; and

WHEREAS, The family moved to South Bend, Indiana, where Lawrence pursued his master's degree in business administration at the University of Notre Dame; there, Bea and her whole family went through a transformation in the diverse community and their faith grew deeper; and

WHEREAS, Bea had a passion for education and a strong belief in its benefits; during her forty years as a teacher and principal, she oversaw the education of thousands of children in Catholic and public schools in San Antonio, Houston, and South Bend, and she worked tirelessly so that her students might reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Bea was also passionate about her faith and her devotion to the church; her services to the church included teaching religious education, leading marriage encounters, helping at fundraisers, and leading a children's choir; she and her husband ensured that their own children attended Catholic high schools and went on to prestigious universities for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Aleman was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother; she was a courageous woman who leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family, her many friends, and the many young people whose lives she touched while she was a teacher; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Beatrice Theresa Gonzalez Aleman: her husband, Lawrence; her children, Joseph Lawrence Aleman, Jr., Thomas Aleman, Theresa Aleman Anderson, and Stephen Aleman; her 11 grandchildren; and her brothers and sisters; 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 Beatrice Aleman.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate