

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 538

In Memory  
of  
Richard V. Sanchez

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Richard V. Sanchez, who died February 12, 2011, at the age of 96; and

**WHEREAS,** Born December 22, 1914, Richard Sanchez was a lifelong resident of San Antonio; he graduated in 1933 as a member of the first senior class of Thomas Jefferson High School; he served his country during World War II and was a highly patriotic American; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard had a talent for the graphic arts, and he served as a commercial artist for the Staffels Company; he was also a political aspirant and was famous for his eloquent and witty letters to the editors of various San Antonio newspapers; and

**WHEREAS,** A self-proclaimed "born Republican," he was the first officially registered Mexican-American Republican in Bexar County; he served as a precinct chairman for many years and was chairman of the Republican Mexican-American Advisory Committee during the Nixon administration; he was proud of helping to broker the appearance by United States Senator John Tower before the League of United Latin American Citizens in 1965; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard was respected in the community for his eloquent voice and for his many accomplishments; he led a colorful life, was dedicated to his family, and was an avid fisherman; he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Berta; and

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**WHEREAS**, Noted for his warmth, enthusiasm, and sense of humor, Richard Sanchez leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Richard V. Sanchez: his sons and daughter-in-law, Richard A. Sanchez and Robert Sanchez and Lona; his sister, Aurora Hernandez; his grandchildren, John, Richie, Robbie, Daniel, and Nathan; his nieces, Rachel Hernandez Jones and Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier; and his great-grandchildren, Mazie and Matthew; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Richard V. Sanchez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate