SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 550

In Memory of Fernando A. Salinas

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Laredo in mourning the loss of Fernando A. Salinas, who died February 10, 2011, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Fernando A. Salinas was born in Laredo on March 4, 1924; a 1942 graduate of Martin High School, he attended Texas A&M University and Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Laredo to pursue his lifelong passion for the fashion industry and began his career at his father's downtown store, Los Dos Laredos; in 1952, he established his own business, Don Antonio's Menswear, which soon became known for its high-end men's designer clothing; it also gained fame for its wide selection of hats, which became a trademark feature in the personal style of Mr. Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salinas was a devout Catholic who practiced his faith in his daily life; he was a parishioner of both Saint Peter the Apostle Church and San Agustin Cathedral and he supported numerous charitable organizations in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his good humor, his wit, and his warmth and enthusiasm will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was beloved by his large and devoted extended family, and he will long be remembered for his generous spirit and his many achievements; 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 Fernando A. Salinas; 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 Fernando A. Salinas.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate