

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 973

In Memory  
of  
Manuel Ortiz, Jr.

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Manuel Ortiz, Jr., who died April 27, 2011, at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS,** Manuel Ortiz was a lifelong resident of San Antonio; he served the nation as a staff sergeant in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II in the China-Burma-India theater; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his military service, Mr. Ortiz served in the San Antonio Police Department for 28 years, many of them as a narcotics detective, where he played an important role in the fight against drug trafficking and organized crime; working in cooperation with federal agencies, he was responsible for one of the largest drug busts in Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his retirement from the police department, he continued his service to the community as chief investigator for District Attorney Fred Rodriguez and as head of security for Joske's Department Stores; his entrepreneurial spirit found expression in the small business he owned; and

**WHEREAS,** A devout Catholic who practiced his faith in his daily life, Mr. Ortiz was an active parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; he was a longtime benefactor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Ortiz was active in community affairs, serving on the board of the Bexar Appraisal District; he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9186 and longtime member of the Alfazar Shrine, the Scottish Rite, and the Grand Lodge of Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of courage, strength, and generosity, he was a guide and mentor to many people, and his commitment to the principle of education and the value of hard work will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he 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 Manuel Ortiz, Jr.: his wife of 62 years, Irene Ortiz; his daughter, Stella Ortiz Kyle; his son and daughter-in-law, Manuel and Sheri Ortiz; his sister, Emma Villarreal; his grandchildren, Christopher and Joshua Kyle and Scott and Patrice Ortiz; and his great-grandchildren, Jax, Maleah, and Austen Ortiz; and, be it further

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**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 Manuel Ortiz, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate