SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1197

In Memory of Oscar Raul Cárdenas

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of McAllen in mourning the loss of Oscar Raul Cárdenas,

who died May 13, 2011, at the age of 50; and WHEREAS, Oscar Raul Cárdenas was an exemplary citizen whose determination, spirit, and many accomplishments in the face of adversity served as an inspiration to all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Born July 3, 1960, in McAllen, Mr. Cárdenas earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas A&M University; he worked a short time for an accounting firm before becoming an entrepreneur, creating a series of businesses and achieving great success with Medical Accounts Receivable Services and the Copy It Printing Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cárdenas played a vital role in his community, leading a wide variety of organizations as president, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association of the Rio Grande Valley, McAllen Easter Seals, and the Better Business Bureau; he was named the 2004 McAllen Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and the 2008 Easter Seals Humanitarian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compelling enthusiasm, Mr. Cárdenas possessed the rare ability to have people remember his vitality rather than his infirmity, and although he will be deeply missed by his family and countless friends, he will continue to live in their hearts and minds forever; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd

Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Oscar Raul Cárdenas; 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 Oscar Raul Cárdenas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate