

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1217

In Memory
of
Alida Salinas Hernandez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of McAllen in mourning the loss of businesswoman and civic leader Alida Salinas Hernandez, who died January 7, 2011, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Alida Salinas Hernandez was born October 22, 1946, to Eva and Arnaldo Salinas; a self-made entrepreneur who once walked from store to store downtown looking for work, she possessed exceptional networking skills, which she used to share her ideas about improving McAllen; and

WHEREAS, Through her leadership of the Heart of the City Improvement Corporation, great strides were made in transforming 17th Street from an underutilized section of downtown to a vibrant entertainment district featuring numerous bars and nightclubs; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Mrs. Hernandez helped countless individuals and businesses in McAllen fulfill their ongoing employment needs; by helping to match workforce talent with employers throughout the area, she played a key role in the economic vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, She was an active member of numerous business and professional organizations, including Leadership McAllen, the Organization of Women Executives, the McAllen Business Alliance, the McAllen Economic Development Corporation, and the McAllen, Mission, Edinburg, Pharr, and Valley Chambers of Commerce, and she was recognized for her dedication with many awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, She also served as a volunteer, organizer, and fund-raiser with a number of charitable organizations, including the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Association, and the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, A woman of vision, determination, and strength, she gave generously to others, and her kind and loving spirit and humble nature will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in her life; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother, and she will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those she left behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Alida Salinas Hernandez; 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 Alida Salinas Hernandez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate