

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

In Memory
of
Arnold Flores

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Arnold Flores, who died January 7, 2013, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, A native of Rio Grande City, Arnold Flores moved early in his life with his family to San Antonio; he married Gloria Santoy, and he became an employee at Kelly Air Force Base; during his employment, he developed an interest in issues of equality and politics, and he joined the Service Employees International Union and was active as an organizer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Flores went on to become famous as a West Side labor leader and a political activist who was dedicated to promoting equal rights; he evolved into a grass-roots philosopher known for his realistic outlook, and he went on to serve as state director of the Service Employees International Union; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in organizing Hispanic and other minority neighborhoods, Arnold Flores became a well-known leader in the civil and voting rights movements that reshaped San Antonio and much of the Southwest; he was a founding board member of the National Council of La Raza and a board member of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Flores was a hard worker throughout his life, and he gave unselfishly of his time to others; he was devoted to his family and was noted for his engaging personality and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Flores was respected by citizens across the state for his integrity and courage and for his exceptional accomplishments; he was beloved by many, and he will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Arnold Flores; 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 Arnold Flores.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate