

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

In Memory
of
Sylvia G. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Sylvia G. Rodriguez, who died January 23, 2013, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Born July 28, 1941, in Laredo, Mrs. Rodriguez was guided through life by her faith and love of family and a boundless belief in democracy; she spent countless hours volunteering with regional organizations as diverse as the San Antonio Port Authority, the Political Divas of San Antonio, the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, and the Mexican American Democrats of Texas; she was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of her service to her community; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Rodriguez was first introduced to politics when she worked for Texas State Senator Joe J. Bernal; she was elected to the Democratic National Committee in 1978 and became the founder and first chair of its Hispanic Caucus; in 1980, she was invited by President Jimmy Carter to lead the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance during that year's Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez was also a proponent of health care for the underserved; she served on the Health and Welfare Council of the National Capital Area in Washington, D.C.; in Texas, she devoted untold energy to organizing the annual San Fernando Health and Safety Fair, which she served as director; the fair provided medical screenings and consultations to thousands of uninsured and undocumented residents in the region; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez was revered in the nation's capital for her trailblazing efforts on behalf of women, Hispanics, and other minorities who strove to break the glass ceilings of politics and social advancement; she will long be remembered as a leader and an unfaltering voice for progress, and her legacy of wisdom, warmth, and generosity will inspire generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Sylvia G. Rodriguez: her husband of 45 years, Eugene; her daughter, Clarissa; and her many other beloved relatives; 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 honor of Sylvia Rodriguez.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate