

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

In Memory
of
Dr. Alfredo Gutierrez, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the residents of Del Rio in mourning the loss of Dr. Alfredo Gutierrez, Jr., who died April 24, 2012, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, A leading figure in the community, Dr. Gutierrez spent many of his eight decades serving the citizens of Del Rio as both a physician and the city's mayor; and

WHEREAS, Born February 15, 1932, to supportive and nurturing parents, Dr. Gutierrez grew up to be an excellent student and innovative thinker; he graduated from San Felipe High School as a co-salutatorian of his class and later excelled in The University of Texas at Austin Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, After teaching high school for two years, he went on to earn a doctor of medicine degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; and

WHEREAS, A South Texan with deep ties to Del Rio, Dr. Gutierrez and his wife, Olga, returned to his beloved hometown, where he established a medical clinic; over the next 50 years, he would deliver some 5,000 babies, perform general surgeries, and serve as the team doctor for the San Felipe Mustangs and the Del Rio Rams; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, this compassionate young leader entered politics; as the region simmered with civil unrest, Dr. Gutierrez ran for mayor of Del Rio and became the first Hispanic to hold that office, as well as the youngest; altogether, he would serve for 20 years as mayor; and

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WHEREAS, This extraordinary citizen and public servant accomplished much during his lifetime; he helped consolidate the Del Rio school systems, and he dramatically improved the city's parks and infrastructure systems; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, warmth, and wisdom, Dr. Gutierrez gave generously to others, and he leaves behind memories that will be forever cherished by his family and countless friends; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Alfredo Gutierrez, Jr.; 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 Alfredo Gutierrez.

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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