

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 805

In Memory
of
Ariel Hernandez, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Dr. Ariel Hernandez, Jr., who died recently; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Hernandez, Jr., was born January 11, 1948, in Los Angeles, California; he grew up in communities around the world, including the City of San Antonio; he graduated from San Antonio's Jefferson High School and attended San Antonio College; he went on to attend The University of Texas at Austin before earning his medical degree from the University of Southern California Medical School; and

WHEREAS, He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Alice, and the couple enjoyed 43 years of marriage; together, they raised seven children, and they were blessed with 11 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, After Dr. Hernandez completed his internship and residency, he began his medical practice in San Jose, California, in 1977; he later moved to San Antonio, where he practiced for more than 20 years and dedicated his efforts to serving those most in need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hernandez was chosen to serve as the physician for Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the pontiff's 1987 visit to San Antonio; he served his community in a variety of ways and was the author of the guidelines for the hiring of employees for the City of San Antonio; he also played an important role in establishing medical care for the victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, He was a lifelong advocate of education and worked to instill in his family and in those he met the importance of pursuing excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his generous spirit, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever 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. Ariel Hernandez, Jr.; and, be it further

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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 Dr. Ariel Hernandez, Jr.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate