

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 152

In Memory  
of  
Arthur Carroll Reyna

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Arthur Carroll "Sonny" Reyna, who died December 31, 2014, at the age of 88; and

**WHEREAS**, Sonny Reyna was born on July 22, 1926, in Rio Grande City, to Arturo Clemente Reyna and Carolina Maria Vale Reyna; he learned the value of hard work at a young age by taking jobs delivering telegrams and newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, At the age of 16, he entered the United States Navy in order to serve his country in World War II; after the war, he earned a degree from Saint Mary's University, where he was a member of the International Relations Club and served as cadet commander of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Band; and

**WHEREAS**, He was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army; he later transferred to the United States Air Force and served with distinction in the Office of Special Investigations during the Korean War; he went on to serve as a captain in the United States Air Force Reserve and later as an advisor to the United States Army in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reyna was employed by the United States Department of Defense in 1959 as an English teacher; he later supervised more than 250 teachers at the Lackland Air Force Base Defense Language Institute and received the first Women's Federal Employees Award for his role in advocating for women's employment rights in the federal government; he established English language training programs in military departments in countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, He married his beloved wife, Frankie Guilbeau Reyna, in 1955; they raised six children, Arthur, Samuel, Frank, Juan, Mary, and Laura, and were blessed with seven grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, He was active in a wide range of community organizations, including the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees, the Northwest YMCA Board of Directors, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Asociación Internacional de Clubes Sembradores de Amistad; he was an accomplished musician and played the trumpet in the San Fernando Cathedral Mariachi Choir; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and he will long be remembered for his wisdom, his wit and humor, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

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**WHEREAS,** He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Arthur Carroll Reyna; 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 Arthur Carroll Reyna.

Van de Putte

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate