

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

In Memory
of
Moises Vicente Vela Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Harlingen in mourning the loss of Moises Vicente Vela Sr., an esteemed public servant, who died June 11, 2017, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born in Harlingen, Moises Vela served with distinction in the United States Army during the Korean War; he earned a degree from Saint Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, and he returned to his hometown to begin his law career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vela served the community in professional capacities for more than 50 years; his successful law practice specialized in criminal defense, family law, personal injury cases, and real estate law, and he brought his broad-ranging expertise to the bench in his service as a municipal court judge; he was one of the first Hispanic citizens to serve as a Cameron County judge and a trailblazing civic leader; in 2005, Moises V. Vela Middle School opened and was named in his honor as a tribute to his exemplary public service; and

WHEREAS, Moises shared more than 60 years of marriage with Mary Jo Vela, and they guided their five children by loving example; he was a beloved patriarch who found immense joy in his role as "Pipo" to his many adoring grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Moises Vela was a man of great faith and wisdom, and he served as a mentor and advisor to countless individuals of all ages; he was respected and admired throughout the Rio Grande Valley for his kindness, his boundless generosity, and his uncompromising integrity, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Moises Vicente Vela Sr.; 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 Moises Vela.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 19, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate