

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

In Memory
of
Baltazar Salazar Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Baltazar Salazar Sr., who died June 23, 2016, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Baltazar Salazar was born on April 1, 1931, in Edinburg, Texas; he graduated from Edinburg High School in 1951, and he joined the United States Marine Corps later that same year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Salazar was a distinguished veteran who took part in the historic first amphibian assault during the Korean War; he was honored with the Korean Service Medal with Stars and the Navy Commendation Medal with Honors for his acts of bravery during the conflict, and he extended his patriotic service for our country as a member of the Marine Reserves; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Baltazar enrolled at Pan American University, where he was selected to join the elite Broncs baseball team; he graduated with bachelor's degrees in physical education and government, and he went on to have a fulfilling 30-year career as a teacher, mentor, and coach; and

WHEREAS, Baltazar shared a life of devotion with Maria Elena Leal, his high school sweetheart and a former Miss Rio Grande Valley Beauty Queen; they were married on December 23, 1956, and they were blessed with five children, 13 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, who were a source of immense pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Baltazar Salazar was a beloved member of his community; he enriched the lives of others by his kindness, his integrity, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; he was a true American hero, 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 Baltazar Salazar 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 Baltazar Salazar.

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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