

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 679

In Memory  
of  
Juan Gonzales Sr.

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Juan Gonzales Sr., who died on January 29, 2017, at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS,** Juan Gonzales was born on June 25, 1929, in Punta del Monte, Texas, to Guadalupe and Sofia Gonzales; he and his beloved wife, Maria Guadalupe Gonzales, raised three daughters and four sons together, and they were blessed with 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild; and

**WHEREAS,** He enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as a cowboy, and he worked on ranches across South Texas, including the Punta del Monte Ranch, the El Sauz Ranch, and the Kenedy Ranch; he was known as a fearless bronc rider who was rarely thrown from a horse; he retired in 1990 as a Kineño from the Norias Division of the King Ranch; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, his talent and work ethic, 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 treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Juan Gonzales 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 Juan Gonzales Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 26, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate