

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 702

In Memory
of
Renato E. Cardenas

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Brownsville in mourning the loss of Renato E. Cardenas, who died April 21, 2017, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Renato Cardenas was born on December 8, 1930, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico; he moved to Brownsville at the age of 11 to live with his aunt, and he attended Brownsville public schools; and

WHEREAS, Renato joined the United States Air Force as a young man; he served with distinction during the Korean conflict, and he completed his military service having earned the rank of staff sergeant; he graduated from Texas Southmost College and also attended Pan American University in Edinburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardenas had a rewarding career as an entrepreneur and found notable success in both real estate development and automotive sales; he began developing subdivisions in Brownsville in 1969 and later established Cardenas Development Company, Incorporated; he opened an automotive dealership in 1971, and today, the Cardenas Group of automotive dealerships includes locations in Harlingen and Raymondville; and

WHEREAS, Renato Cardenas was a generous man who worked tirelessly on behalf of his community; he served as a Brownsville city commissioner for a number of years, and he was a cofounder of Valley Community Hospital, the Brownsville Foundation for Health

and Education, and Sunrise Bank; he served on the boards of numerous professional and civic organizations, and he was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Cardenas shared 61 years of marriage with Mary Rose Cardenas, and they were blessed with five children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; he was beloved by many, 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Renato E. Cardenas; 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 Renato Cardenas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate