

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 866

In Memory  
of  
Arcadio Durán Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Arcadio Durán Jr., who died April 30, 2017, at the age of 48; and

**WHEREAS**, Arcadio Durán was an exemplary educator, coach, and community leader who had a profound impact on the lives of countless young people; and

**WHEREAS**, Known by most as Archie, he was a graduate of Irvin High School, where he had been a standout athlete; he earned a degree from The University of Texas at El Paso and began a long and productive career in education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Durán was a teacher and a coach for many years at Jefferson High School before returning to Irvin High School, where he taught social studies and served as head coach of the girls' track and field team; over the course of his distinguished career, his students benefited greatly from his skillful teaching and coaching methods, his sincere concern for the individual, and his wise counsel and encouragement; and

**WHEREAS**, As a tribute to his many years of exceptional service with the El Paso Independent School District, two scholarships were established in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, He and his beloved wife, Maribel Durán, were blessed with three children, Ariana Esther, Maribel Lisset, and Arcadio Angel, who were a source of great pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his generous spirit and his

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enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in his life; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband and father, 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 Arcadio Durán Jr.; 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 Arcadio Durán Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate