

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 312

In Memory  
of  
Humberto Santiesteban

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas lost an admired legislator and steadfast champion of El Paso and the Latino community with the passing of former state senator Humberto Tati Santiesteban on October 29, 2020, at the age of 86; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Carmen Santiesteban and Ricardo Santiesteban Jr., Tati Santiesteban was born in El Paso on November 3, 1933, and he grew up with the companionship of a sister, Monica; he attended the New Mexico Military Institute and went on to serve as a ranger and paratrooper in the U.S. Army; after completing his law degree at The University of Texas at Austin, he embarked on a legal career that would span more than a half century, establishing the firm of Santiesteban, Kennedy, and Martin; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Santiesteban served in the Texas House from 1967 to 1973 and in the Senate from 1973 until 1991; in 1987, he helped found the Senate Hispanic Caucus and became its inaugural chair; he shared his expertise as a member of many committees and served as chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, the Subcommittee on Educational Quality, and the Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Criminal Matters; moreover, he played a key role in ending school segregation in Alpine and in the creation of Franklin Mountains State Park; with a megawatt smile and openhearted charm, he easily made friends on both sides of the aisle; he was inducted into the Democrat Hall of Fame by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi in 2012, and his numerous accolades

further included the Conquistador Award from LULAC of El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, Devoted to his family, Senator Santiesteban took great pride in his three children, Lori, Stacy, and Ricky, as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; an avid hunter and fisherman, he also had a beautiful singing voice, and he loved to play the piano; and

**WHEREAS**, Tati Santiesteban made a lasting, positive difference in the lives of countless Texans through his exceptional contributions as a public servant, and those who were privileged to share in his love and friendship will treasure their memories of time spent in his company; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Tati Santiesteban and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Humberto Tati Santiesteban.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2021, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate