

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed World War II veteran drew to
2 a close with the passing of Audon Sanchez Cardenas of San Antonio on
3 January 31, 2025, at the age of 105; and

4 WHEREAS, A first-generation American, Odón Cardenas was born
5 to Donaciano and Cecilia Cardenas in Devine on July 30, 1919, and he
6 grew up with six siblings, Damiana, Dionicio, Erasmo, Guadalupe,
7 Ernesto, and Sophia; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Cardenas
9 enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II; following his
10 promotions to staff sergeant and squad leader, he was deployed with
11 his battalion to the European Theater in 1944; he was captured by
12 German forces and held as a prisoner of war before being liberated
13 in the Battle of the Bulge; in recognition of the great resilience
14 and bravery he demonstrated during his service and captivity, he
15 was awarded the American Defense Service Medal and the
16 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and on August 13,
17 2019, he was honored as the Veteran of the Day in VA News by the U.S.
18 Department of Veterans Affairs; after the war, he was a longtime
19 barber at Lackland Air Force Base, and he became certified in auto
20 mechanics; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
22 country, Odón Cardenas earned the lasting respect and admiration of
23 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Audon Sanchez
2 Cardenas and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his
3 family: to his sister, Sophia Saucedo; to his children, Cecilia C.
4 Gutierrez, Rachel C. Luna, Arthur V. Cardenas and his wife, Lydia,
5 Raul V. Cardenas and his wife, Doris, Dolores Kotilaidze and her
6 husband, Demna, and MaryAnn Ayala and her husband, Daniel; to his 22
7 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 11
8 great-great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and
9 friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Odón
13 Cardenas.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 312 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 6, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House