

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

In Memory
of
Pedro Alfaro

WHEREAS, Residents of Baytown lost a beloved civic leader with the passing of former mayor Pedro Cuellar Alfaro on December 11, 2023, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, The son of Felipe and Victoriana Alfaro, Pedro "Pete" Alfaro was born on August 10, 1940; after graduating from The University of Texas at Austin, he was hired as an electrical engineer by ExxonMobil, where he was employed for more than three decades; he shared a fulfilling 61-year marriage with his wife, Guadalupe, and they were blessed with four children, Debi, who preceded him in death, Priscilla, Sandra, and Paul; offering unconditional support, he attended their activities whenever possible as they grew up and encouraged their friends as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfaro was elected as Baytown's first Hispanic mayor in 1989, and over the next 11 years, he worked tirelessly for the betterment of his community; his vision, determination, and positive relationships with state officials were instrumental in the completion of the Fred Hartman Bridge over the Houston Ship Channel, and he advocated powerfully for improving other infrastructure; he was a mentor to innumerable people while in office and served in many other leadership roles, including member of the board of San Jacinto Hospital, chair of the board of regents of Lee College, and president of the Rotary Club of Baytown; in addition, he provided his expertise to Bay Area Homeless Services; during 27 years on the board of Houston Methodist Baytown, he chaired the Patient and Family Advisory Council; the hospital named its Lupe and Pete Alfaro Clinical Education and Training Facility in honor of him and his wife, and

among other accolades, he was named 2004 *Baytown Sun* Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Pete Alfaro made a lasting, positive difference in his community, and those he left behind will forever treasure their memories of his warmth, kindness, and wonderful sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Pedro Cuellar Alfaro and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Guadalupe Alfaro; to his children, Dr. Priscilla Alfaro, Sandra Rodriguez and her husband, Manny, and Paul Alfaro and his wife, Amanda; to his grandchildren, Christopher, Marissa, Austin, Alexis, Mikaela, Emily, Nicholas, and Kelsey; and to his many other relatives and host of friends; 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 Pete Alfaro.

Middleton

Alvarado	Hagenbuch	Menéndez
Bettencourt	Hall	Miles
Birdwell	Hancock	Nichols
Blanco	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	Parker
Campbell	Hinojosa of Nueces	Paxton
Cook	Huffman	Perry
Creighton	Hughes	Schwertner
Eckhardt	Johnson	Sparks
Flores	King	West
Gutierrez	Kolkhorst	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate