

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

In Memory
of
Johnny Canales

WHEREAS, The life of a beloved television host drew to a close with the passing of Johnny Canales on June 12, 2024, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Juan José Canales was born on August 23, 1942, in the town of General Treviño in northern Mexico; his family moved to Robstown when he was an infant, and he went on to graduate from Robstown High School and to serve for two and a half years with the U.S. Army Third Infantry Division in Germany; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of his military duty, Mr. Canales returned to Texas and embarked on his career in media and entertainment; he formed a band, Johnny Canales y Su Orchestra, and joined the staff of a Spanish-language radio station as a deejay; he ultimately set his sights on television, and in 1983, the first episode of *The Johnny Canales Show* debuted on KRIS in Corpus Christi; and

WHEREAS, Featuring an eclectic variety format, the bilingual program became especially renowned for its musical guests, who were introduced with Mr. Canales's trademark catchphrase: "You got it, take it away"; through the years, the show featured such well-known acts as La Mafia, La Sombra, Ramon Ayala, and Selena, whose appearance in 1985 when she was still a teenager was one of her first TV performances; initially broadcast locally, *The Johnny Canales Show* gained national acclaim after being picked up by Univision; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Canales enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Nora, who joined him in hosting *El Nuevo Show de Johnny y Nora Canales* beginning in 2014; the couple raised two daughters, Nora Seleste Canales and Miroslava Canales; and

WHEREAS, Through his talent, charisma, and vision, Johnny Canales became an influential champion of Hispanic culture and earned a special place in the hearts of innumerable people, and his legacy will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Johnny Canales and extend sincere condolences to his family, to his many friends, and to all who mourn his passing; 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 Johnny Canales.

Hinojosa of Nueces, Hinojosa of Hidalgo

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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