

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1000

In Memory
of
Jesus Morales

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Jesus "Jesse" Morales, who died May 14, 2010, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Morales was born February 5, 1933, in Houston, to Isabel and Josefa Morales; he served the nation with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with a keen entrepreneurial sense, he created a number of successful businesses, including a convenience store and Mario's Spanish Inn, a Midland restaurant that continues to flourish to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morales went on to draw on his experience as a police officer in Midland to form Southwestern Security Services; dedicated to offering protection and peace of mind to the community, the company has become a million-dollar corporation serving clients throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morales was the first Hispanic to serve as an officer with the Midland Police Department and later served as a certified investigator with the district attorney's office; he was also the first Hispanic to run for countywide office in Midland County; and

WHEREAS, He was active in political affairs and served as a delegate to state and national Republican Party conventions; he was the first Hispanic in Cameron County to run for office on the Republican Party ticket and was awarded the Presidential Task Force Medal by President George H. W. Bush for his contributions to the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, He was selected as Entrepreneur of the Year by the Small Business Administration and was cofounder of the Mario Morales Memorial Scholarship, established to assist Hispanic graduates and named in honor of his late son; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his great good humor, his generous spirit, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and countless friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morales left behind to mourn his loss his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Jane and Adan Salgado, Martha Morales-Wahl and her husband, Jeffrey, Geralda Morales-Whittemore, and Monica J. Counts; his sons and daughters-in-law, John and Donna Morales, Joseph and Christine Morales, and Joel and Nydia Morales; his brothers, Manuel and Euterio Morales; his sisters, Sally Lopez, Amelia Gonzalez, Josie Shaw, and Angelina Saccar; and his thirteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jesus "Jesse" Morales; 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 Jesus Morales.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate