

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

**In Memory
of
The Honorable Frank L. Madla, Jr.**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins Texans across the state in mourning the loss of the Honorable Frank L. Madla, Jr., who died November 24, 2006, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born in Helotes, Texas, on January 23, 1937, Frank Madla was a highly distinguished, longtime state lawmaker whose career spanned more than three decades and included service in both the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, Following a 10-year career as a schoolteacher, Frank Madla joined the Texas House of Representatives in 1973 and quickly became known as an outspoken advocate for health care and education issues; after 20 years of service in the House, he was elected to the Texas Senate, where he served with distinction for the next 13 years; and

WHEREAS, His leadership in the Senate included his longstanding, valuable service as chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee; during the 79th Legislature, he also served

as a member of the State Affairs, Finance, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Homeland Security Committees; he was a member of the Joint Committee on Oversight of the Edwards Aquifer and was a member of the Select Committee on Agriculture and Coastal Resources; he served as president pro tempore ad interim following the 79th Regular Session and was Governor for a Day on April 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madla was dedicated to his work as a lawmaker and received numerous accolades throughout his legislative career; his honors included the Lifetime Achievement Award from The University of Texas at San Antonio Hispanic Research Center and the Advocacy Leadership Award from the Texas Hospital Association; he was named Legislator of the Year by the Association of Rural Communities in Texas and Outstanding Legislator by the Texas Police Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Noted for his political courage and bold decision making, his legislative efforts were a reflection of his heart and his values, and he represented Senate District 19 with skill and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, He carried legislation to improve the wine industry in Texas and to establish a new Toyota manufacturing plant in San Antonio, adding billions of dollars to the state's economy; he helped San Antonio to establish SeaWorld and a new Spurs' arena, and he was dedicated to taking care of the rural portions of his Senate district; he considered his crowning legislative accomplishment to be the passage of his bill authorizing the creation of the South Side Texas A&M University campus and his pivotal role in gaining legislative approval of bond funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, Senator Madla was an exemplary gentleman who was highly respected for his many achievements on behalf of the citizens of his district and on behalf of his state; in 2006, he received Bexar County's highest honor, the Hidalgo, for his 33 years of outstanding service in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Well known for his dedication to his family and his community, he gave unselfishly of his time to others; he was exceptionally generous and often helped the poor and the otherwise needy; he was a deeply religious man and was a member of the Catholic faith; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Madla, Sr., and was joined in death by his much beloved granddaughter, Aleena Virginia Jimenez and by his mother-in-law, Mary Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Frank Madla was devoted to his wife, Helen, and was beloved for his warmth and wisdom, and his family and friends will continue to live with deeply cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Frank L. Madla, Jr.: his beloved wife, Helen Madla; his mother, Epimena Madla; his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Frank Madla III and Nnette; his daughter, Marci Madla; his stepgranddaughter, Crystal Torres; his brother, Ralph Madla; his sister, Mary Ellen Ibarra; and his nieces and nephews; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Frank Madla, Jr.

		Lucio
		Van de Putte
Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Brimer	Hegar	Shapiro
Carona	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Deuell	Jackson	Uresti
Duncan	Janek	Watson
Ellis	Nelson	Wentworth
Eltife	Nichols	West
Estes	Ogden	Whitmire
Fraser	Patrick	Williams
Gallegos		Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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