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S. RES. 443

Honoring the life and service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2010

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

Whereas, 25 years ago, in March 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena made the ultimate sacrifice fighting drugs;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena, an 11-year veteran special agent of the DEA, was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered in the line of duty while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena joined the DEA in June 1974, as an agent with the Calexico, California District Office;

Whereas Special Agent Camarena was assigned to the Fresno District Office in September 1977, and transferred to the Guadalajara Resident Office in July 1981;

Whereas on February 7, 1985, when leaving the Guadalajara Resident Office to join his wife, Geneva, for lunch, Special Agent Camarena was surrounded by 5 armed men and forced into a car, which sped away;

Whereas February 7, 1985, was the last time anyone, other than his kidnappers, would see Special Agent Camarena alive;

Whereas the body of Special Agent Camarena was discovered on March 5, 1985, on a ranch approximately 60 miles southeast of Guadalajara, Mexico;

Whereas to date, 22 individuals have been indicted in Los Angeles, California for their roles in the Camarena murder, including high ranking government officials, cartel drug lords, lieutenants, and soldiers;

Whereas of the 22 individuals indicted in Los Angeles, 8 have been convicted and are imprisoned in the United States, 6 have been incarcerated in Mexico and are considered fugitives with outstanding warrants issued in the United States, 4 are believed deceased, 1 was acquitted at trial, and 3 remain fugitives believed to be residing in Mexico;

Whereas an additional 25 individuals were arrested, convicted, and imprisoned in Mexico for their involvement in the Camarena murder;

Whereas the men and women of the DEA will continue to seek justice for the murder of Special Agent Camarena;

Whereas during his 11 year career with the DEA, Special Agent Camarena received 2 Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award, and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by the DEA;

Whereas prior to joining the DEA, Special Agent Camarena served 2 years in the Marine Corps, as well as serving as a fireman in Calexico, a police investigator, and a narcotics investigator for the Imperial County Sheriff Coroner;

Whereas Red Ribbon Week, which has been nationally recognized since 1988, is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaches millions of young people each year, and is celebrated annually October 23 through October 31, was established to help preserve the memory of Special Agent Camarena and to further the cause for which he gave his life, the fight against the violence of drug crime and the misery of addiction; and

Whereas Special Agent Camarena will be remembered as an honorable and cherished public servant and his sacrifice should be a reminder every October during Red Ribbon Week of the dangers associated with drug use and drug trafficking: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its appreciation for the profound
3 dedication and public service of Enrique “Kiki”
4 Camarena;

5 (2) tenders its deep sympathy and appreciation
6 to his wife, Geneva, to his 3 children, Enrique, Daniel,
7 and Erik, and to his family, friends, and former
8 colleagues of the Drug Enforcement Administration;

9 (3) encourages communities and organizations
10 throughout the United States to commemorate the
11 sacrifice of Special Agent Camerana through the

1 promotion of drug-free communities and participa-
2 tion in drug prevention activities which show support
3 for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles; and
4 (4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
5 mit a copy of this resolution to the family of
6 Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

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