

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*Resolution Honoring
Texas State Senator José Menéndez*

- WHEREAS*, over the past four years, Texas libraries have faced unprecedented challenges that limit access to diverse perspectives and resources; and
- WHEREAS*, in the face of these pressures, Texas libraries have remained steadfast in their mission to protect the freedom to read and to provide equitable access to information for all members of their communities; and
- WHEREAS*, during the 89th Legislative Session, nearly 60 bills were filed proposing limitations on library collections, events, and access to materials, as well as criminalizing librarians for providing access to educational materials and literature, and imposing unnecessary restrictions on library services; and
- WHEREAS*, Senator José Menéndez, a respected member of the Senate Education K–16 Committee, has long recognized the essential role libraries play in promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and civic engagement across Texas; and
- WHEREAS*, drawing on his extensive legislative experience, Senator Menéndez served as a thoughtful and strategic advocate, using his deep knowledge of the legislative process to oppose bills that threatened access to information, championing the vital services provided by libraries; and
- WHEREAS*, beyond his advocacy at the Texas Capitol, Senator Menéndez generously shared his insights with library professionals, providing practical guidance on navigating the legislative process and communicating the value of libraries at two Texas Library Association professional development events; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED*, that the Texas Library Association, on behalf of its 5,000 members, hereby extends its sincere appreciation to Senator José Menéndez for his principled leadership, generous mentorship, and continued support of Texas libraries and the freedom to read.



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