

**RESOLUTION
BY THE
SEA GRANT NETWORK
OCTOBER 18, 2010**

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila was an eloquent and effective spokesman for the National Sea Grant College Program for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila was a mentor to his fellow Sea Grant Directors, National Sea Grant College Program, and a generation of students and new staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila was universally respected by members of Congress for his integrity and knowledge of marine issues associated with Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila treated everyone with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila was greatly admired and respected by all with whom he worked and directed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila's distinguished himself in a 26 year career at the University of Puerto Rico / Mayaguez also; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila served as a professor and chairman in the Department of Marine Sciences, and Director of the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila successfully led the university's Research and Development Center as its Director from 1994 until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila was elected president of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean and U.S. delegate and invited speaker at numerous international conferences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila served the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico both through his academic endeavors and as a member of several advisory councils, including those of the Environmental Quality Board, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Economic Development Administration's Industrial Development Company; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila served as the Director of the Puerto Rico Sea Grant Program from 1980 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila chaired the Sea Grant Association's International Affairs Committee from 1984 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila served on the National Sea Grant Review Panel from 2001 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila made invaluable contributions to the National Sea Grant Review Panel through his chairmanship of its International Programs Committee, his membership of its Program Evaluation Committee and Minority Serving Institutions Committee, Chairmanship of the Coastal Natural Hazards Theme Team, and participation in the Program Assessment Teams for the Sea Grant College Programs at North Carolina, Virginia, Oregon, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila provided incalculable benefit to the Sea Grant Network through his many years of dedicated service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sea Grant Network, during its 2010 national meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, herewith expresses its highest praise, admiration and honor to Dr. Manuel L. Hernández Ávila for his outstanding leadership and valued contribution to Sea Grant and the people we serve.

It is fitting that this recognition be in Louisiana where he received his PhD in Physical Oceanography from Louisiana State University.

AFFIRMED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP:

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Dr. Leon M. Cammen Director, National Sea Grant College Program	Date
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Dr. James D. Murray Deputy Director, National Sea Grant College Program	Date
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Dr. John T. Woeste Chairman, National Sea Grant Advisory Board	Date
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Dr. E. Gordon Grau President, Sea Grant Association	Date