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S.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of El Paso lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Mike Dipp Jr. on June 25, 2023, at the age of 81;
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4 WHEREAS, The son of Mary H. Dipp and entrepreneur Mike
5 Dipp Sr., Mike Dipp Jr. was born in El Paso; he earned both a
6 bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree
7 in economics from St. Mary's University; after working for
8 Burroughs Corporation in Detroit, he joined his family's
9 constellation of businesses in 1968; two years later, he began
10 managing the storied Plaza Hotel; he became a partner in its parent
11 company, Plaza Properties, as well as managing partner and
12 executive vice president of Coldway Storage & Warehousing and chair
13 of Economy Wholesale Grocers; in addition, he launched his own
14 venture, Mike Dipp Farms; he retired in 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Dipp worked tirelessly to develop the city's
16 economy, restore the vibrancy of the downtown area, and strengthen
17 business relationships across the international border; for some
18 two decades, he was president of the El Paso Central Business
19 Association, and he further served as vice president of the
20 Downtown Management District and as a member of the board of the El
21 Paso Chamber of Commerce; he was a founding member of the
22 El Paso-Juárez Interplex World Trade Center Association and the
23 Paso Del Norte Group; moreover, he was president of the El Paso
24 Chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association and a member of the

1 boards of the Western Pecan Growers Association and other industry
2 groups; he was president of the Coronado Kiwanis Club and
3 generously shared his expertise with such organizations as the
4 Texas Attorney General's Child Support Service Board, municipal
5 committees, and advisory boards for schools and hospitals; and

6 WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Mr. Dipp served as chair of the
7 National Conference of Christians and Jews, and he expressed his
8 faith through extensive philanthropy and countless kind acts; his
9 many accolades included the prestigious Conquistador Award from the
10 City of El Paso, Project Amistad's humanitarian award, and a
11 Distinguished Alumnus Award from St. Mary's University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mike Dipp was a devoted family man and a true pillar
13 of his community, and although he will be deeply missed, his
14 commitment to his loved ones and to El Paso will be remembered and
15 admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 2nd
17 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Mike Dipp Jr. and
18 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
19 Mary Ann Dipp; to his daughters, Margaret Dipp and Michelle
20 Detwiler and her husband, William; to his siblings, Paul, George,
21 and Mary Jeanne Dipp and Rosalie Zogby; to his two
22 step-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
26 day, it do so in memory of Mike Dipp Jr.