

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 217

In Memory
of
Felipe Cordero

WHEREAS, Residents of Presidio County lost an admired civic leader with the passing of Felipe Cordero on January 1, 2023, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Born in Redford, Phil Cordero entered the workforce at the age of 14, with only a sixth-grade education; he earned his master plumber's license and ran his own business until his health began to fail; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cordero was deeply committed to his community and served in many capacities; for 33 years, he was a Presidio County commissioner, and he played a key role in such projects as the courthouse restoration, development of the MAC Building, and street paving in Presidio and Salsipuedes; he also championed the county's needs and advocated for domestic and international trade at the state and national level; as president of the chamber of commerce, he worked tirelessly to expand business opportunities; he was instrumental in the construction of the grandstand and dance floor for Marfa Lights and of the scoreboard and soccer fields for the Vizcaino Field; in addition, he was active in the Paisano Lions Club and AMVETS, and he gave generously of his time and expertise to the Marfa Independent School District, fixing plumbing, supporting school events, and officiating and commentating baseball games; moreover, he sponsored summer youth softball and baseball leagues, and he assisted the Mercedes Cemetery Association in numerous cleanup efforts and in the building of the chapel; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Cordero raised seven children on his own; he was a mentor to many others as well, and he set an inspiring example through his kindness, gentle strength, steadfast integrity, and deep faith; he was preceded in death by his wife, Nora S. Cordero, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage; and

WHEREAS, Phil Cordero made a lasting, positive difference through his selfless contributions to his community, and he will be remembered with respect and admiration by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Felipe Cordero and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Felipe "Phil" Cordero.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate