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S.R. No. 217

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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