

By: Pena

H.R. No. 196

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Joe G. Diaz on December 20, 2004, at
2 the age of 76, concluded an active life of selfless volunteerism and
3 public service in South Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Edinburg, Mr. Diaz bravely served his
5 country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II before
6 returning to his beloved Rio Grande Valley in 1946; and

7 WHEREAS, Employed by Waukesha Pearce in San Juan for nearly
8 40 years, Mr. Diaz was passionate about volunteerism and the
9 political process; he was elected as an Edinburg city commissioner
10 in 1972 and served two terms in that role; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Diaz emerged from retirement to act as a
12 coordinator for the County of Hidalgo Community Service Agency, a
13 post he held until 1995; he extended his commitment to helping
14 people, and specifically aiding the elderly, by serving as a
15 council member for the Area Agency on Aging and as a representative
16 to the Texas Silver Haired Legislature; and

17 WHEREAS, Preceded in death by his beloved wife Alicia, this
18 devoted family man logged countless hours as a volunteer for
19 organizations such as the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in
20 Hidalgo County and the Borderfest Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Joe Diaz was an entertaining and straight-talking
22 public figure who always spoke his mind, often in support of the
23 Democratic Party or the Tripas Club; a hospitable, down-to-earth
24 gentleman, he was a much-loved citizen of Hidalgo County and will

1 long be remembered by those who knew him and those who were touched
2 by his deep commitment to community service; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized Joe
4 G. Diaz by passing this resolution in his memory during the Regular
5 Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe G. Diaz and extend
8 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons, David
9 Diaz, Omar Diaz, and Joe Diaz, Jr., and his wife, Adelita Diaz; to
10 his daughters, Delma Diaz and Annette Franz and her husband, John
11 David Franz; to his brothers, Robert Diaz and Gilbert Garcia; to his
12 sister, Hilda Duarte; to his 12 grandchildren and 7
13 great-grandchildren; and to the many other relatives and friends of
14 this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe G.
18 Diaz.