

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 394

In Memory
of
Joe G. Diaz

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of South Texas in mourning the loss of Joe G. Diaz, who died December 20, 2004, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, A native of Edinburg, Joe Diaz bravely served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II before returning to his beloved Rio Grande Valley in 1946; and

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

WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Diaz began to serve as a coordinator for the County of Hidalgo Community Service Agency, a post he held until 1995; he extended his commitment to helping others and specifically to aiding the elderly, by serving as a council member for the Area Agency on Aging and as a representative to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature; and

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

WHEREAS, Joe Diaz was an engaging public figure who was noted for his forthrightness and who often spoke in support of the Democratic Party or the Tripas Club; a hospitable, down-to-earth gentleman, he was a much loved citizen of Hidalgo County and will long be remembered by those who knew him and those who were touched by his deep commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Joe Diaz lived his life to the fullest, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe G. Diaz and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: his sons and daughter-in-law, David Diaz, Omar Diaz, and Joe Diaz, Jr., and Adelita Diaz; his daughters and son-in-law, Delma Diaz and Annette and John David Franz; his brothers, Robert Diaz and Gilbert Garcia; his sister, Hilda Duarte; and his 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Diaz.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate