

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 787

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Judge Santiago "Jimmy" Martinez for his many years of service to the citizens of Bee County; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Beeville, Judge Martinez began his career in public service in 1970 when he was elected to the first of his terms on the Beeville City Council; he later served as administrative assistant to State Senator Carlos Truan; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, he became the first Hispanic to be elected Bee County commissioner, Precinct 3, and in 1995, he was unanimously appointed county judge by the four members of Bee County Commissioners Court; with hard work and determination, he soon made the position of county judge into a full-time post; and

WHEREAS, Under his exemplary leadership, Beeville and Bee County have grown and prospered; as a city councilman, he was instrumental in helping secure more than \$5 million in urban renewal funding for Beeville; as a commissioner and a county judge, he has played a major role in many important projects, including the courthouse restoration and the construction of the new county jail; he organized the first Tri-County Coalition and secured funding for a Super Two highway; he also organized the first Bee County Judge and Mayor Task Force; and

WHEREAS, A man of wisdom, foresight, and commitment, Judge Martinez has worked hard for the people of Bee County, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Judge Santiago Martinez for his dedication to the citizens of Bee County and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate