

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 312

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Hector "El Pipo" Barragan for his many contributions to the city of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, This bold entrepreneur has led an interesting and adventurous life; he has been a bullfighter, a hair stylist, and the owner of a barber academy; he hails from a large family of hair professionals, and he upholds the tradition through El Pipo Barber College in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Born October 23, 1935, Hector began cutting hair at the age of 14; he attained his barber's license in 1955 and opened his shop in 1966; the site would become home to his still-thriving barber college, founded in 1990; Hector also spent 25 years teaching hair design at Redken Laboratories; and

WHEREAS, This captivating figure has an equally strong passion for bullfighting; from 1958 to 1981, he was one of the region's most active amateur bullfighters; performing under the name El Pipo, a childhood nickname, he faced more than 1,000 bulls at historic arenas in Juarez; and

WHEREAS, Today, he takes a less traditional approach to the sport; he formed a nonprofit organization, the American Bullfight Foundation, and is constructing a ring on his property for fights that do not harm the animals; and

WHEREAS, Hector "El Pipo" Barragan is highly deserving of recognition and praise for his many years as an entrepreneur and cultural figure in El Paso; his passion and dedication to promoting arts as diverse as hair dressing and bullfighting have made him a unique character in the city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Hector "El Pipo" Barragan for his peerless cultural contributions to the city of El Paso 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 Hector Barragan as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Rodriguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 26, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate