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H.R. No. 169

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of El Paso lost an esteemed political
2 and civic leader with the passing of Thomas Mulford Diamond on July
3 8, 2017, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Long Beach, California, on March 28, 1923,
5 Tom Diamond was the son of Violet and Thomas Diamond; after
6 graduating from Dorsey High School in West Los Angeles in 1942, he
7 enlisted in the United States Army and served his country proudly in
8 the Pacific theater of World War II; following his military
9 service, he earned an engineering degree at Stanford University,
10 where he met his future wife, Carolyn; the couple married on New
11 Year's Day in 1949 and went on to share nearly seven decades
12 together; and

13 WHEREAS, A member of the active reserve, Mr. Diamond was
14 called to duty again during the Korean War, and while stationed at
15 Fort Bliss, he was assigned to the guided missile program; he went
16 on to study law at Baylor University, graduating with honors in
17 1957; two years later, he arrived in El Paso and began his career as
18 a highway engineer; he accepted a position as an assistant to County
19 Judge Woodrow Bean, and he worked on such projects as the
20 construction of Sun Bowl Stadium and Transmountain Road; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond eventually transitioned into the
22 private practice of law, and over the course of his career, his keen
23 legal acumen earned him the respect and admiration of his peers;
24 along the way, he became an active member of the Democratic Party

1 and formed friendships with both John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B.
2 Johnson; he believed strongly in the power of diplomacy to promote
3 peace, and he used his own skills as a negotiator to advocate for
4 the Tigua Indians of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, helping them to attain
5 both state and federal recognition as a Native American tribe in the
6 1960s; and

7 WHEREAS, For many years, Mr. Diamond had the pleasure of
8 operating a cattle ranch alongside his son, Jack, and in
9 retirement, he authored two novels, *Rimfire* and *Apache Tears*, and
10 an autobiography, *Moon Spell*; he was a loving and supportive family
11 man who cherished his wife and son, and his later life was blessed
12 with the affection of many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and
13 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Diamond was an exceptional attorney, a force for
15 positive change, and a leading figure in the modern history of El
16 Paso, and his legacy will continue to be an inspiration to all those
17 whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
20 of Thomas Mulford Diamond and extend sincere condolences to his
21 loved ones; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom
25 Diamond.