

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

In Memory
of
Thomas Mulford Diamond

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Thomas Mulford Diamond, who died July 8, 2017, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Tom Diamond was born on March 28, 1923, in Long Beach, California, to Violet and Thomas Diamond; he joined the United States Army at the age of 19 and served with distinction in the Pacific theater during World War II; he returned to California and earned a degree at Stanford University before returning to active military service during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, After the war, he attended the Baylor University School of Law and graduated with honors in 1957; he then moved to El Paso, where he worked for a time with the Texas Highway Department and as chief of staff for County Judge Woodrow Bean before entering the private practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished legal career, he was a tireless advocate for Native American civil rights, and he played a major role in helping the Tigua tribe of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo receive federal recognition and trust status; he also established the Beaverhead Lodge Ranch in the Gila Mountains of New Mexico, a working ranch he operated with his son, Jack; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diamond was very active in Democratic Party politics for many years and developed relationships with President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, he drew on his impressive story-telling abilities and wrote two novels, *Rimfire* and *Apache Tears*, along with an autobiography, *Moon Spell*; and

WHEREAS, He and his beloved wife of 68 years, Carolyn, married on January 1, 1949; they raised their son together and were blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, He was noted for his brilliant legal mind and for his courage, compassion, and humility; he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, his commitment to equal justice for all, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in his life; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Thomas Mulford Diamond; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Tom Diamond.

Rodríguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 24, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate