

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 593

In Memory  
of  
Joe S. Bono

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Mercedes in mourning the loss of Joe S. Bono, who died March 18, 2017, at the age of 97; and

**WHEREAS**, A Mercedes native, Joe Bono was born on December 18, 1919; he was a highly respected resident who touched the lives of others, and he was known for his warmth, his kindness, and his tireless dedication to serving the community he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Bono graduated from Mercedes High School in 1937, and he went on to serve his country with distinction during World War II; he returned home from the war and became an active member of the local American Legion post, where he lead efforts to help connect fellow veterans with needed benefits; he also became a popular speaker at Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and he particularly looked forward to speaking to the children at Taylor Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bono was a distinguished community leader who served as both a member and president of the Mercedes Independent School District Board of Trustees; he also played a key role as a member of the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission in designating a historic district as a local landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, Above all things, Joe cherished his family; he was the devoted husband of the late Catarina G. Bono, and they were blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren who were a source of great pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary gentleman, Joe Bono was beloved by many, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joe S. Bono; 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 Joe Bono.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate