

By: Zaffirini

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Joseph Claude Martin III, who died on October 29, 2023, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Joe Martin III was born on May 3, 1941; a descendent of some of the oldest families in South Texas, Joe was raised in Laredo; his family was deeply rooted in the economic life of the region, especially in ranching, commerce, and politics, and he would go on to continue this legacy; and

WHEREAS, After completing his education, Joe began working in the insurance business and in real estate development in Laredo; he also became involved in ranching, construction, and oil and gas exploration, and he found great success and fulfillment in his various professional pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with remarkable leadership abilities, Mr. Martin served on a number of professional boards and organizations, including as a trustee of the Bruni Mineral Trust; following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, he also served as a co-trustee of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust and as a board member of the Laredo National Bank; and

WHEREAS, A highly esteemed member of his community, Joe forged many lasting friendships throughout his life; he took great pleasure in wing shooting and in traveling, and he enjoyed serving his fellow citizens through his civic endeavors; and

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WHEREAS, Joe was a devoted father to his four children, Michelle, Melissa, Joseph, and Albert; he was a loving grandfather to his six grandchildren and to his two great-grandchildren, and his life was immeasurably enriched through his relationship with his cherished partner, Rita K. Peters; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a man of strength, wisdom, and determination, and his compassion, his generous spirit, and his dedication to serving others were evident to all who knew him; he leaves behind precious memories that will be forever treasured by his family and friends and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joseph Claude Martin III; 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 Martin III.