

## CATO CEDILLO

SAN DIEGO — Cato Cedillo, 68, of San Diego died Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

He was born on March 26, 1936, in San Angelo, Texas, and was a deputy chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter.

Survivors include his wife, Fidela Cedillo; daughter, San-



dra Joseph; mother, Eulojia Cedillo; sisters, Emma Montelongo and Gloria Cedillo; brothers, Gilbert Cedillo and Antonio Cedillo Jr.; and one grandchild.

Viewing was 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, July 26, with rosary at 7 p.m. at Church of

St. Luke, 1980 Hillside Road, El Cajon. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the church. Interment will be in Singing Hills Memorial Park, 2800 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

**Featheringill Mortuary**

## Hispanic leader Cedillo cared for, helped youth

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Former San Angelo Hispanic leader Cato Cedillo died of natural causes Tuesday in San Diego. He was 68.

A city commissioner from 1973-78, Cedillo was remembered as much for his leadership as for his personality.

"He was a great Hispanic leader in general," said great-

niece Trina Medellin of San Angelo as she recalled Cedillo's penchant for making speeches and dancing. "I have never met anyone who was so vigorous in everything he did."

At the time of his death, he was the deputy district chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., in San Diego.

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Cedillo served as the Texas chair of the American GI Forum and was a member of the San Angelo Jaycees. After he was elected to the city commissioner's post, he worked for the San Angelo's Boys & Girls Club of San Angelo, where he started a tutoring, bike and basketball program. He also helped build the Riverside Golf Course and founded the San Angelo chapter of the Pan-American Golf Association.

His wife, Fidela Guajardo Cedillo, said her husband will be remembered as someone who cared for everyone, regardless of their class or race.

"He developed a big following," Cedillo said. "I guess God just needed a golf partner."

Cedillo moved with his family to San Diego in 1979 and helped start the Olympics Soccer Club, a team designed as a retreat for underprivileged children.

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Among his many accomplishments, Cato Cedillo played a large part in establishing recreational centers in the north and south sides of San Angelo.

politics, Cedillo began working for Hunter in 1981, eventually rising to the rank of deputy chief of staff.

Local lawyer and friend Louis Perez said Cedillo was instrumental in creating both the north and south side recreation centers in San Angelo. He also helped encourage young Hispanics to continue their education.

"He was a great listener," Perez said. "He made many improvements, not only for Hispanics, but for everyone."

The son of Antonio and Eulojia Cedillo, Cedillo was born in San Angelo on March 26, 1936. Cedillo attended Sam Houston Elementary School and San Angelo High School, where he played basketball and baseball. He married Fidela "Pilina" Guajardo in 1956, and the couple had one daughter, Sandra, in 1958.

Burial services are planned for Tuesday in El Cajon, Calif.