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Biography or Historical Sketch

Jose Antonio Parra was born in 1948, and was a lifelong resident of the Lower Valley-area of El Paso. He was a fourth-generation Native Texan, and took pride in the fact that he resided in his family's 250-year-old adobe home. After receiving a Bachelor's degree in Radio/Television Broadcasting from California State University - Los Angeles and a Master's degree in Education from New Mexico State University, Parra worked in broadcast journalism, education, and corporate relations. During his career, he produced over 1,000 local and national educational television productions. Parra also spent several years as an education administrator, where he developed a successful model for community education. He served in the 73rd Texas Legislature from January 1993 to January 1995 as a member of the Democratic Party before switching to the Republican Party in June 1994. Parra only served one two-year term, passing away in May 1995 just months after leaving office.

Series Description or Arrangement

The papers are organized into one series: Political papers. This series contains records created or received by Antonio Parra or his office during his time as a state legislator. The papers consist of 10 boxes, each containing various subject files that are primarily in alphabetical order. The collection was left in original order (alphabetical).

Scope and Content Notes

The Antonio (Tony) Parra papers, MS374, date 1978 – 1995. They contain policy papers, policy studies, legislation, memorandums, committee reports, and correspondence between Parra and various other lawmakers or constituents. The majority of the collection is from Parra's time in office, the years 1993-1994, though some subject files contain reference documents from earlier dates. These papers help document Parra's activities as a member of the 73rd Texas Legislature.

Provenance Statement

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