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## **Governor Bill Richardson Issues Statement on Death of Senate President Pro-Tem Ben Altamirano**

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson has released the following statement following the death of Senate President Pro-Tem Ben Altamirano.

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of a great New Mexican and my dear friend, Benny Altamirano," Governor Bill Richardson said. "Benny was a true statesman whose soft-spoken demeanor and love for the state of New Mexico helped earn him the respect of everyone who crossed his path. Benny will be dearly missed. Barbara and I send our condolences to Benny's wife, Nina, and his entire family."

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