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## **Sen. Rodríguez to participate in centennial remembrance of the Porvenir Massacre**

***Event honors Rep. José T. Canales, who investigated the Texas Rangers' role in the massacre and led subsequent reforms***

**El Paso** – State Sen. José Rodríguez will participate in the "Texas State Representative José T. Canales & the 1918 Porvenir Massacre," which will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday (Jan. 28) in the Texas Capitol Extension Auditorium.

Texas residents will gather to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the massacre on Jan. 28, 1918, when 15 men and teenagers were taken from their homes and summarily executed, and the efforts of State Rep. Canales to curb violence by the Texas Rangers. His efforts culminated in a comprehensive reorganization and professionalization of the force.

Sen. Rodríguez, whose Texas Senate District 29 includes Presidio County, the site of Porvenir Massacre, will speak about the importance of accurately understanding and acknowledging Texas history, especially that of our border communities. Sen. Rodríguez will present Senate proclamations commemorating the massacre and honoring Rep. Canales to the descendants. He will also discuss the placement of a historical marker in Presidio County for Porvenir, a community of about 140 people that was abandoned after the massacre.

*Note: Attached is a news bulletin from the organizers with more information.*

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*José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Economic Development; Transportation; Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair).*