

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

In Memory
of
Clifton J. Bolner

WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Clifton J. Bolner of San Antonio were deeply saddened by his death on January 10, 2023, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, The son of Joe and Josephine Bolner, Clif Bolner was born in San Antonio on July 30, 1928, and he grew up with the companionship of his sister, Peggy; after graduating from Central Catholic High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from Texas A&M University, and he played clarinet and saxophone in both the Central and Aggie bands; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Bolner joined the United States Air Force in 1949, and he served at Kelly Air Force Base; along the way, he worked as a partner and butcher at Bolner's Grocery, which was owned by his father; he sold his share of the store in 1955, and subsequently established Bolner's Fiesta Spices, which he ably led for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community, Mr. Bolner served as vice chair of the San Antonio Symphony board as well as chair of the Witte Museum board; among his many achievements, he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M Mays Business School, and the Central Catholic High School Alumni Association, and he received the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolner shared nearly six decades of marriage with his first wife, Rosalie, before her passing in 2008; fortunate

enough to find love again, he enjoyed a rewarding union with his second wife, Mary Jo Biedeger, who also preceded him in death; he took great pride in his eight children, Tim, Mike, Debbie, Cindy, Beverly, Chris, Mary Beth, and Mary Paulette, and over the years, he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 27 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; during his leisure hours, he liked to spend time in the Rocky Mountains and the Texas Hill Country and at the Texas coast; and

WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a dedicated family man, and an admired business leader, Clif Bolner leaves behind a record of achievements that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clifton J. Bolner and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clif Bolner.

Menéndez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 15, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate