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S.R. No. 31

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories  
2 of Bill Sullivan Jr. of Marshall, who passed away on June 11, 2023,  
3 at the age of 94; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Bill Sullivan Sr. and Bess Crouch  
5 Sullivan, Bill Sullivan was born on September 19, 1928, in  
6 Marshall; he graduated with the Marshall High School Class of 1946  
7 and continued his education at East Texas Baptist University, the  
8 University of North Texas, and the Dallas Institute of Funeral  
9 Service; after serving his country during the Korean War as a member  
10 of the U.S. Army, he embarked on a successful career as a funeral  
11 director; he held leadership roles with Sullivan Funeral Home as  
12 well as a number of other businesses, including Sullivan Life  
13 Insurance Company, Sullivan Monument Company, Colonial Gardens  
14 Cemetery, and Algoma Cemetery; moreover, he was active in various  
15 professional associations; and

16           WHEREAS, An engaged member of his community, Mr. Sullivan  
17 served as president of the Rotary Club of Marshall and the Fern Lake  
18 Hunting and Fishing Club and as a director of the Greater Marshall  
19 Chamber of Commerce, the Harrison County Chapter of the American  
20 Red Cross, and the Harrison County Historical Society; he was also  
21 involved in the American Legion and several masonic organizations;  
22 sustained by an abiding faith, he served as a vestryman at Trinity  
23 Episcopal Church and as a deacon at First Baptist Church of  
24 Marshall; and

1           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sullivan enjoyed the love  
2 and support of his wife, the former Carolyn Latham, with whom he  
3 shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 71 years before her  
4 passing; he took great pride in their two daughters, Sherry and  
5 Cindy, and he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include  
6 four grandchildren, Clay, Stephen, John, and the late Dr. Lauren  
7 Gilstrap, as well as five great-grandchildren; and

8           WHEREAS, Bill Sullivan lived a life that was rich in personal  
9 and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of  
10 inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd  
12 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bill Sullivan  
13 Jr. and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing;  
14 and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
17 day, it do so in memory of Bill Sullivan.