

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

In Memory  
of  
C. Garth Cline

**WHEREAS**, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of Dr. C. Garth Cline of Panola on August 13, 2023, at the age of 97; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Harry and Era Cline, Garth Cline was born in Center on December 24, 1925; he graduated from Louisiana State University and went on to obtain a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Auburn University; answering his nation's call to duty, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cline practiced veterinary medicine in Shreveport, Louisiana, for many years and concluded his six-decade working career with the Louisiana State Racing Commission at Louisiana Downs; following his retirement, he eventually returned to Texas; he was an active member of Robert A. Tompkins Masonic Lodge No. 1254 in Waskom, where he served several terms as Worshipful Master, and he was a longtime Worshipful Patron for the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; he was also involved in Marshall Masonic Lodge No. 22 AF & AM; among his many achievements, he received the 32nd degree in both York and Scottish Rites; in addition, he was designated a Shriner with the Sharon temple in Tyler, and he served as district deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas District 10 for two years; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of faith, Dr. Cline was a devoted member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he attended Sunday school; during his retirement years, he enjoyed working on his farm and spending time with his loved ones; he was also an avid supporter of the

Jacket Nation sports teams of the Elysian Fields Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Garth Cline lived a caring and purposeful life centered around his family and his community, and he will long be remembered with deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. C. Garth Cline and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Chuck Cline and his wife, Debra, and Georgia Pounders and her husband, Mike; to his grandchildren, Gary Cline and his wife, Liz, Brittany Childs and her husband, Matt, Leslie Thurman and her husband, Brandon, and Ashley Pounders; to his great-grandchildren; to his "adopted" son, Randy "RT" Mitchell and his wife, Melissa; and to his other relatives and many friends; 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 Dr. C. Garth Cline.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 30, 2023, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate