

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 209

In Memory
of
Walt Whitman Rostow

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Walt Whitman Rostow, who died February 13, 2003, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born October 7, 1916, in New York City, Walt Rostow graduated with bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Yale University and attended the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar; he taught at Columbia University, the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and The University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, His long and illustrious career as an academic was interrupted by World War II, during which he served as an intelligence officer with the Office of Strategic Services in Europe, and by an eight-year career of further public service with the federal government, during which he served as an adviser on national security affairs for President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rostow moved to Austin in 1969 and taught economics and history at The University of Texas for more than three decades, working closely with his wife and constant companion, Elspeth Davies Rostow; the couple launched the Austin Project in 1992 with the goal of blending the resources of government, business, academia, and the community to help children and schools; and

WHEREAS, Walt Rostow was a prolific writer who published more than 30 books and was known for his positive and gentle nature, his brilliant mind, and his devotion to his wife, Elspeth; and

WHEREAS, A man of strength, intelligence, and generosity, Dr. Rostow gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Walt Whitman Rostow: his wife, Elspeth Davies Rostow; his son, Peter Rostow; his daughter, Ann Rostow; his brother, Ralph Rostow; and his granddaughter, Diana Rostow; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walt Whitman Rostow.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 20, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate