

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 360

In Memory
of
Patrick Joseph Dowd

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Patrick Joseph Dowd, who died March 9, 2003, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Dowd was born in New York City on April 21, 1933, the son of Irish immigrants; he earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Fordham University in New York City and a master's degree in research psychology from the University of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, and in 1960, he moved to San Antonio where he earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from Trinity University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dowd was a civilian employee of the United States Air Force Research Laboratory at Brooks Air Force Base, where he studied motion sickness and the causes of visual illusions often experienced by pilots; he retired in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Dowd was proud of his Irish ancestry, and he was a prominent member of the Irish community in San Antonio, where he organized the city's Saint Patrick's Day activities for 35 years; he was a founder of the Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas and was in charge of such Saint Patrick's Day events as the street and river parades and the wreath-laying ceremony at the Alamo; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Patrick Dowd gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and sense of humor will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and brother, he lived his life to the fullest, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and 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 Patrick Joseph Dowd: his wife of 24 years, Virginia Mary Dowd; and his brothers, James J. Dowd and Frank J. Dowd; 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 Patrick Joseph Dowd.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate