

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 381

In Memory
of
Adolph John Specia

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Adolph John "A. J." Specia, who died January 25, 2003, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, A. J. Specia was born July 28, 1921; he graduated second in his class from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1939 and attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated cum laude with a degree in civil engineering in 1943; and

WHEREAS, He graduated first in his class from Officers Candidate School as a second lieutenant when he joined the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After five years of active duty, he left the Army and spent the next 32 years serving in the National Guard and Army Reserve; while he was in the National Guard, he was an assistant adjutant general of the state; he retired from the Reserve in 1976 as a full colonel; and

WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Agnes T. "Teddie" Constantine on January 1, 1944, in El Paso while he was stationed at Fort Bliss; after the war, the couple returned to San Antonio, where A. J. started a home building business; he went on to build over 1,400 building projects during his career and maintained a portfolio of rental properties; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, he was a charter member and member of the board of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; he was an active member and past Grand Commander of the Order of the Alhambrá, as well as a past president of the San Antonio A&M Club; and

WHEREAS, Active in a number of fraternal, professional, and civic organizations, A. J. Specia also loved hunting and working his ranch and, above all else, spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Mr. Specia gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the family of Adolph John Specia: his wife of 59 years, Teddie Specia; his children and their families, Adolph John Specia, Jr., and his wife, Anna Rubiola Specia, and their children, Michelle Ann Specia and

Adolph John Specia III; Cynthia Specia Shade, and her husband, Vernon Ronnie Shade, and their children, Alethea Estelle Shade and Charles Ronnie Shade; and Richard Adolph Specia and Carol Case, Andrinna Kane, Paul Kane, and Andrinna Olivia Kane; and, be it further

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 Adolph John Specia.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate