

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 454

In Memory
of
Allen Hardy Sanders

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins citizens of Colleyville and throughout Tarrant County in mourning the loss of Allen Hardy Sanders, who died March 8, 2003, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Hardy Sanders was born in Crowell in the Texas Panhandle; he married Betty Jo Owens on December 3, 1949, and he served in the United States Army between 1948 and 1953; after leaving the Army, he began working in the corrugated box industry and started Bates Container with a partner in 1963; he later became owner of the successful company; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Mr. Sanders joined the civil rights movement and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Dallas; he was a well-known Democrat and was outspoken about his political views, as well as civil rights causes; and

WHEREAS, He was a highly respected community leader and was widely known for his philanthropy and desire to help those less fortunate; he served as United Way of Tarrant County's annual campaign chairman in 1999 and was a member of the United Way of Northeast Tarrant County steering committee for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, The United Way awarded him the prestigious Hercules Volunteer Award in 1993 for extraordinary leadership and its top award, the Helping Hands Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2002; he was also named the Herman J. Smith Man of the Year for his community work by the *Star-Telegram/Northeast* in 1994; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Mr. Sanders had been a member of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas since the late 1950s, and he considered his association with the church a turning point in his life; and

WHEREAS, A man of exceptional integrity, compassion, and generosity, Mr. Sanders 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, Hardy Sanders lived his life to the fullest and 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 Allen Hardy Sanders: his wife, Betty Jo Owens Sanders; his sons, Mark Sanders and Stanley Scott Sanders; his daughter,

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Marcia Diane Mederos; his sister, Reed Echols; and his six grandchildren; 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 Allen Hardy Sanders.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate