

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 487

In Memory  
of  
William Coldwell Collins

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of William Coldwell Collins, who died March 19, 2003, at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS**, He was born in El Paso on June 19, 1921, to William R. and Julia Coldwell Collins; he attended Crockett and Austin high schools and earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business in 1942 from The University of Texas at El Paso, then known as Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Collins volunteered for duty during World War II, and he served with the United States Army Air Corps in Africa, Italy, and the Middle East and rose to the rank of captain; he married Marian Bainbridge during the war, and the couple had three daughters; Marian preceded him in death, and he subsequently married Betty Wing; and

**WHEREAS**, After his military service, Mr. Collins earned his law degree at The University of Texas School of Law; he returned to El Paso to practice law, first as assistant county attorney and then in private practice and as a partner in the firm of Collins, Langford and Pine; active in professional organizations, he was a director and president of the El Paso Bar Association, a director of the State Bar of Texas in Austin, and chairman and a director of the State Bar Insurance Trust in Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, A well-known civic leader, Mr. Collins was chairman and a director of the El Paso division of the American Red Cross, president of the Del Norte Club, a member and a director of the El Paso Junior Chamber of Commerce, a director of Casitas Coronado Community Services, a director and a member of the El Paso Country Club, and a director and a longtime member of the El Paso Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Collins was a devout Christian and a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church; he was a longtime parishioner at Saint Clement's Church and subsequently at Saint Francis on the Hill Church in El Paso; he was also a railroad enthusiast, an active philatelist, and a golfer; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Mr. Collins 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 William Coldwell Collins: his wife, Betty Wing Collins; his three daughters, Nancy Heinemeier, Cynthia Collins, and Maridell Monheimer; his five grandchildren; and his one great-grandson; 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 William Coldwell Collins.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate