

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 953

In Memory
of
Charles Schulze, Jr.

WHEREAS, The people of Irving have lost a beloved friend, neighbor, and community leader with the passing of Charles Schulze, Jr., on April 21, 2003, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, The Schulze family co-founded Irving 100 years ago, and Mr. Schulze's stewardship was instrumental in guiding the community to its present dynamic and prosperous state; and

WHEREAS, Born January 2, 1913, in Irving to Charles Percy Schulze and Virginia Tucker Schulze, Mr. Schulze grew up in what is now the historic Heritage House on O'Connor Road; and

WHEREAS, Attaining an excellent education, Mr. Schulze attended grade school in Irving and later Holy Trinity School and Dallas Academy in the Oak Lawn area; in 1933, he graduated magna cum laude from Saint Edward's University in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schulze spent several years in Odessa and South Texas while working for Sun Oil Company; he later returned to his boyhood home of Irving at the behest of his father, where he joined in the family business, Irving Lumber Company, the city's oldest mercantile establishment; and

WHEREAS, Involved in community governance, Mr. Schulze served on the Irving City Council and actively campaigned to annex adjacent areas and secure a home-rule charter for Irving, which promoted rapid growth and prosperity for his beloved city; ever extolling the virtues of Irving, Mr. Schulze served as chairman of the chamber of commerce in 1958; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman held a prominent role in the local business community, serving as a director of the Irving State Bank and the Irving Savings and Loan Association and chairman of the board of Irving's First Federal Savings and Loan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schulze was a man of deep and abiding faith, devoting more than 40 years as a member of the Serra Club of Dallas, which promotes and supports religious vocations, and co-founding the Serra Club at the University of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, His ecclesiastical efforts and selfless support of the Catholic faith were recognized in 1956, when Mr. Schulze was knighted by the pope and inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; he later was promoted to Knight Grand Cross; and

WHEREAS, A vital link with the origins and the development of the City of Irving has been broken with the passing of Charles Schulze, Jr., a curator of historic remembrance, a captain of commerce, and a servant in matters of the spirit who will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby honor the life of Charles P. Schulze and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his beloved wife of 65 years, Catherine O'Connell Schulze; to his sister-in-law, Nellie O'Connell; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles P. Schulze, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate