

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

In Memory  
of  
Dr. Richard Henry Carnahan

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Dr. Richard Henry Carnahan, who died recently at the age of 93; and

**WHEREAS**, Born March 12, 1912, in Big Wells, Texas, Dick Carnahan grew up in San Antonio and graduated from Main Avenue High School in 1930; he and his brothers worked at the family drug store, and athletics played an important role in his life as a young man; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick attended Saint Mary's University, and in 1935, he graduated as a doctor of dental surgery from the Baylor University College of Dentistry; he joined the United States Army Reserve, and in 1937 he became a second lieutenant in the regular Army Dental Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1940, he met First Lieutenant Adele Cherry, a nurse anesthetist, in Hot Springs, Arkansas; they were wed on November 29, 1940, and began a marriage full of devotion, love, and respect that would last 65 years, until Adele's death one week prior to Dr. Carnahan's; and

**WHEREAS**, When the United States joined the war in Europe, Mr. Carnahan, then a major, was deployed in the first support convoy to London, and he was among the first recipients of the Legion of Merit in the United Kingdom; following the Normandy Invasion, his medical unit was deployed to France and traveled through Europe and back to London; ultimately, Lieutenant Colonel Carnahan became chief of dental surgery at Fort Sam Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick left the service in 1946 to begin his private practice of dentistry in San Antonio, where he practiced for 55 years; he also served as the president of the San Antonio District Dental Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. and Mrs. Carnahan were founding members of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, and they enjoyed their memberships in the Supper Club, the Oak Hills Country Club, and Club Giraud; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Dick gave generously of himself to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Carnahan 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

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Richard Henry Carnahan: his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Richard "Corky" Carnahan, Jr., and Chrissie; his daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Campbell Hawthorne and Peggy and Larry Taylor; and his seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Dr. Richard Henry Carnahan.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 4, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate