

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

In Memory
of
George Herman Wenglein

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of George Herman Wenglein, who died April 12, 2005, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born January 11, 1917, in Ukiah, California, to Swiss immigrant parents, George attended San Jose State College, where he was the 1936 Junior Olympic Pacific Coast Wrestling Champion; in 1937, he joined his brother-in-law Robert Luby in Dallas to work with Luby's Cafeterias, and a temporary summer job eventually evolved into a 63-year career; and

WHEREAS, He served his country during World War II in the United States Navy as a divebomber pilot assigned to the carriers USS *Yorktown II* and USS *Franklin*; he flew numerous missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart during his six years of service; and

WHEREAS, George returned to Luby's Cafeterias after the war and opened the organization's second cafeteria in San Antonio; his responsibilities grew with the company, and he served as president and chief executive officer from 1972 until 1982, when he was elected chairman, a position he held until 1988; and

WHEREAS, Under George's leadership, Luby's grew from a small local business with seven cafeterias to a publicly traded company with over 200 cafeterias in 11 states; he continued to serve on the board of directors until 2001; and

WHEREAS, George contributed to the life of his community through his participation in civic and charitable organizations; he served on the board of the Northeast Independent School District and as a director of the National Bank of Fort Sam Houston, and he was a member of the Texas Restaurant Association; and

WHEREAS, George gave generously of himself to others, and his warmth and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, George leaves behind memories that will be treasured by his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of George Herman Wenglein: his wife of 49 years, Phyllis; his daughters and sons-in-law, Teri Wenglein-Callender and Dr. David Callender and

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Ann Wenglein-Brawner and Rick Brawner; his son and daughter-in-law, George and Bari Wenglein; his sisters, Hulda Weger, Alice Southerland, and Pat Goudge; and his five 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 George Herman Wenglein.

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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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate