

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

In Memory
of
Baskell L. Gray

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of McAllen and Sharyland in mourning the loss of Baskell L. Gray, who died July 23, 2005, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Baskell Gray was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma, on October 8, 1917; he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural science from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in school administration from Texas A&I University in Kingsville; he served in the army during World War II, and he and Patricia Jean Fallin were married on December 19, 1947; and

WHEREAS, He farmed for several years in Oklahoma and in the Valley before he began his work in the Sharyland Independent School District in 1954 as a high school teacher and principal; he was appointed superintendent three years later and held that position until his retirement in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Baskell Gray set high academic standards and took a personal interest in everyone in his schools; he had a profound effect on the then small, rural school district, and one of its schools has been named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Though he was a longtime citizen of McAllen, he continued to hold the Sharyland community close to his heart and often encountered former students and teachers after retiring; he was renowned for his delightful sense of humor and friendly nature, and he will long be remembered for his integrity and generous spirit; and

WHEREAS, Baskell Gray 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, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Baskell L. Gray: his wife, Patricia Gray; his sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kathy, Joe and Jody, David and Rhonda, and Paul; his daughter and son-in-law, Katy and James Jackson; his brothers, Glen and Eural Gray; and his nine grandchildren and great-grandchild; and, be it further

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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 Baskell L. Gray.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 8, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate