

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

In Memory
of
William E. Sharp

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Colonel William E. "Gene" Sharp, who recently died at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born November 18, 1918, in Walla Walla, Washington, Gene was a premedical student at Washington State University when he met Virginia "Scottie" Scott and proposed to her two weeks later; they were married for 63 years; and

WHEREAS, While attending college, Gene was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and the premedical honor society, and he also received a commercial pilot's license; two weeks after Gene completed his flight training as a United States Army Air Corps cadet, Pearl Harbor was bombed; and

WHEREAS, Gene became a pilot instructor; his career in the United States Air Force spanned almost 30 years, and he and Scottie were stationed around the world on bases in Greenland, Morocco, and Peru; and

WHEREAS, During his military career, Gene earned the Peruvian Air Cross and the Legion of Merit for exemplary service on the Joint Chiefs of Staff; he was deputy commander of the 316th Air Division in northern Africa, and he was deputy chief of staff for plans of the Headquarters Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement to Shavano Park in 1970, Gene was elected mayor as a write-in candidate and served from 1975 until 1983; during his tenure, he served as chair of the Bexar County Council of Mayors and was responsible for transportation infrastructure in and around San Antonio; and

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

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Gene 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 Gene Sharp: his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Jane Sharp; his daughter and

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son-in-law, Sarah-Lynne "Susie" and Jean-Marie Le Canu; and his nine grandchildren and two 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 sincere sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William E. Sharp.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 15, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate