

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

In Memory
of
John R Shaw

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of John R Shaw, who died August 4, 2005, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, John R Shaw was born on September 20, 1924, and lived his entire life in San Antonio; he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1942, where he was a popular student and a member of the Senate Club and the Phosphor Society; he was a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas School of Law; he began his law practice in 1949; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, John R was a lifetime member and ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church; he gave generously of his time and energy to numerous organizations in the San Antonio community and served on the board of directors and as legal adviser for the Salvation Army, which honored him with its William F. Booth Award and the "Others" Award, the highest award given to a civilian for outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Among the many organizations that benefited from John R's counsel and leadership were the Alamo Kiwanis Club, Morningside Manor, Incorporated, Amigos de Las Americas International, the Mission Road Foundation and Development Center, the Jackson-Todd Cancer Foundation, the Bledsoe Memorial Foundation, and the March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to an exemplary 57-year career in law, John R had several years of distinguished service in the United States military as a fighter pilot with the United States Army Fifth Air Force 136th Fighter Bomber Wing in World War II and again during the Korean War, when he earned fame for flying over 100 missions in enemy territory; and

WHEREAS, A highly esteemed gentleman and prominent attorney, John R Shaw was renowned for his tireless service in pro bono work and humanitarian matters; he lived an exemplary life, and he will long be remembered for his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, John R Shaw 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 John R Shaw: his wife of 60 years, Amelie Rutherford Shaw; his daughter, Christi Shaw Moorman; his cousin, Philip Norton Hudson; and his six grandchildren; 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 John R Shaw.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 16, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate