

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

In Memory
of
Arthur Temple, Jr.

WHEREAS, Renowned Texas industrialist and philanthropist Arthur Temple, Jr., of Lufkin passed away on April 12, 2006, at the age of 86, and his death brings to a close an extraordinary chapter in the history of this state; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 8, 1920, in Texarkana, Arkansas, Mr. Temple graduated from high school in Texarkana and attended The University of Texas; during World War II, he served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Temple began his business career as a bookkeeper for the Southern Pine Lumber Company, an enterprise founded by his grandfather; he became general manager of the company in 1948 and president in 1951, and over the next two decades he guided the company through a period of significant growth and modernization; and

WHEREAS, In 1969 his company, known by then as Temple Industries, went public, and in 1973 it merged with Time, Incorporated; Arthur Temple then became a group vice president and a member of the board, serving as vice chairman from 1973 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, During his years at Time, Mr. Temple took part in a major restructuring that saw the forest products, paper, packaging, and financial services operations spun off as a new public company, Temple-Inland; he served as chairman of that company until 1991 and as chairman emeritus until 1994; and

WHEREAS, A highly regarded leader in his industry, Mr. Temple not only transformed Southern Pine but also played a critical role in introducing conservation practices to Texas forestry, including efforts to protect forest wildlife; he was also active in industry organizations, chairing the National Forest Products Association and numerous other groups; and

WHEREAS, Joining with H. J. Shands, Sr., Mr. Temple formed Diboll State Bank and Pineland State Bank; in Diboll, the home of Southern Pine and later the headquarters of Temple-Inland, he established a clinic and ambulance service and fostered numerous other improvements; six years before the Supreme Court decided *Brown v. Board of Education*, Mr. Temple led the integration of the Diboll schools; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was instrumental in the construction of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir in the 1950s and 1960s and in the creation of the Big Thicket National Preserve in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Strongly supportive of education, he served as a member of the Texas State Board of Education, as a regent at Lamar University, and as a trustee for Duke University; moreover, through the T. L. L. Temple Foundation, which he founded and then chaired from 1962 to 2000, he promoted the building of schools, libraries, and other community facilities in East Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Temple helped to found Lufkin's Hospice in the Pines and served on its board, as well as on the boards of the Lufkin Salvation Army, the Humane Society of Angelina County, and many other community agencies; and

WHEREAS, Inducted into the Texas Forestry Hall of Fame in 2002, Mr. Temple was also recognized with honorary doctorates from Pepperdine University and from Stephen F. Austin State University; in addition, the College of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin and the Diboll civic center were both named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, With his first wife, Mary MacQuiston Temple, Mr. Temple had two children, Charlotte Anne Temple and Arthur "Buddy" Temple III; preceded in death by his second wife, Lottie Dean Temple, to whom he was wed for 38 years, he had remarried and enjoyed a rewarding union with Ann Shands Temple; and

WHEREAS, With the passing of Arthur Temple, Jr., the State of Texas has lost one of its true giants; through the innovations he introduced in the Texas forest industry, his contributions to the economic development of East Texas, his civic leadership, and his philanthropy, he helped to change the face of a region that he deeply loved and forged a legacy that will continue to enrich Texans for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Arthur Temple, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Ann Shands Temple; to his daughter, Charlotte Temple; to his son and daughter-in-law, Arthur "Buddy" Temple III and Ellen Temple; to his stepchildren, David Wimp, Jay Shands and his wife, Susie, and Becky Getter and her husband Kerry; to his grandchildren, William "Spence" Spencer, Christopher Spencer, Arthur Spencer and Katherine Zelanzny, Whitney Temple Grace, John C. Hurst, Jr., and Hannah Temple, and Susie Temple Duquette; to his step-grandchildren, Rob Shands, Annie Brown and Richie Getter, Hill Shands and Matt Shands; to his great-grandchildren, Lilly and Walter Duquette, Maggie Grace, Mary Ellen Sanders, Sam and Sarah Spencer, Charlotte and Anna Spencer, and Tyler and Thomas Spencer; to his sister, Ann Allen; to his brother-in-law, Bill Mayo; and to all others who mourn his passing; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Arthur Temple, Jr.

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate