

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

In Memory  
of  
Darrell Hester

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Honorable Darrell Hester, who died December 18, 2005, at the age of 80; and

**WHEREAS**, A distinguished and well-respected jurist, Darrell Hester had been presiding judge of the 5th Judicial Region since 1999 and had previously served as judge of the 197th District Court for almost three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Darrell Hester was born in Frost, Texas, on February 9, 1925; a graduate of Corsicana High School, he served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, He married Nell Sanders in 1948, beginning a partnership that would last more than 57 years; after graduating from The University of Texas Law School in 1949, he practiced law in Harlingen for over two decades before being elected to the judiciary; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Hester was known as a brilliant and well-read man who set high standards for himself and those in his courtroom; he was considered tough on crime yet fair and compassionate as a jurist; and

**WHEREAS**, Hardworking and dedicated to the law, Judge Hester was admired and respected by his colleagues, and his warmth, wisdom, and wise counsel will be long remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, A kind and caring man, 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, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Darrell Hester; and, be it further

**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 Darrell Hester.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2006, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate