

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 200

In Memory  
of  
Patrick Hughes Keefe, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Victoria in mourning the loss of Patrick Hughes Keefe, Jr., who died March 22, 2006, at the age of 80; and

**WHEREAS**, Born December 8, 1925, in Victoria, Pat graduated from Patti Welder High School; he then entered Texas A&M University, but like many of his generation, he put his education on hold while he served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, After the war, Pat returned to Texas A&M University, where he earned a degree in civil engineering and became a fervent supporter of the Aggies, a passion that remained with him throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat began a career with the Texas Highway Department in Victoria after college; he retired from the department in 1977 as Senior Resident Engineer for the Victoria District; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat was a member of a pioneer Victoria family, and he drew on that perspective in his civic activities; he was a member of Victoria Preservation, Incorporated, and he was the caretaker of the "Bishop Odin fig tree," a descendant of a tree brought from France by the priest who later became the first Catholic bishop of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat was a member of the Victoria Planning Commission, serving as its chairman for many years; he was also a member of American Legion Post 166 and a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat was devoted to his extended family; he hosted and cooked for many Keefe family reunions and was known for his annual family Christmas cookie baking festival; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, Pat gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten 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 Patrick Hughes Keefe, Jr.; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Patrick Hughes Keefe, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2006, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate