

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 237

In Memory
of
Billy B. Goldberg

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Billy B. Goldberg, who died April 15, 2006, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Born September 12, 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio, Billy grew up in Pharr, where he graduated from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School at the age of 16; he went on to earn a degree at The University of Texas School of Law; in 1939, he was named as Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Billy enlisted in the United States Army during World War II, where he rose to the rank of major; after the war, he moved with his family to Houston, where he practiced law; he founded and organized several banks and later worked as a real estate developer; he had a great passion for sports and for the city, and he was instrumental in bringing the Rockets basketball team to Houston; and

WHEREAS, Billy was a devoted Democratic Party activist, and he served as chair of the Democratic Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Billy was devoted to Israel and in 1983, he and his wife endowed the Rosalie Goldberg Neonatal Unit at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, He served as president of the Zionist Organization of America and as a director of B'nai B'rith International and was national vice chairman for the United Jewish Appeal; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Billy gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; 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 Billy B. Goldberg: his much-loved wife of 63 years, Rosalie Ackerman Goldberg; his daughter, Diane Levy; his sons, Mark, Frank, and Rick Goldberg; and his 10 grandchildren; 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 profound sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy B. Goldberg.

Hinojosa, Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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