SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

In Memory of Lawrence J. Petersen

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Danevang in mourning the loss of Lawrence J. Petersen, who died January 31, 2005, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Petersen was born in Danevang on February 13, 1931, to Verner A. Petersen and Louise Olson Petersen; he earned a degree in agricultural engineering from Texas A&I University and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, He was a trustee on the board of directors of Wharton County Junior College and had served as chairman of the board for six years; and

WHEREAS, He served on the board of directors of Cotton,
Incorporated, for 20 years; he also helped start South Texas
Cotton and Grain Association and served as its president; he was
a past president of Texas Pest Management; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Lawrence was a former Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church; a highly respected businessman and a distinguished gentleman, he gave generously of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Petersen 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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the

bereaved family of Lawrence J. Petersen: his wife,

Gloria McDonald Petersen; his daughters and sons-in-law,

Pamela and J. Paul Pope and Laurie and Jimmy Martin; his son

and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Andrea Petersen; his brother,

Ralph Petersen; and his seven grandchildren; 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 Lawrence Petersen.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate