

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

In Memory
of
George M. Shuffer, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Brigadier General George M. Shuffer, Jr., who died February 5, 2005, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, General Shuffer was born September 27, 1923, in Palestine, Texas; he had lived in El Paso since 1974; and

WHEREAS, General Shuffer was a much-decorated soldier who served his country in three wars over the course of an outstanding 35-year career in the Army; and

WHEREAS, General Shuffer served in the 93rd Infantry Division during World War II and in the 25th Infantry Division during the Korean War, and he commanded a battalion in the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam; he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart, three Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars, and five Air Medals, and he received the Legion of Merit four times; and

WHEREAS, General Shuffer later served in the Pentagon on the Army General Staff and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS, General Shuffer was a trailblazer during the period of the racial integration of the Army, helping to break down racial barriers; he was inducted into the Infantry Hall of Fame in 1984; and

WHEREAS, After moving to El Paso, General Shuffer retired from the Army in 1975; he attended Saint Charles Seminary and was ordained a deacon, and he served as a chaplain at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center for almost 30 years; and

WHEREAS, George Shuffer was a man of strength and compassion, and his life of service to this country and its veterans is a testament to his courage and his dedication to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, George Shuffer 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 Brigadier General George M. Shuffer, Jr.: his wife, Cecilia, and his 11 children; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family of George Shuffer as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Brigadier General George M. Shuffer, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate