

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 223

In Memory
of
Michael Helwig Hillman

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of prominent businessman and respected civic leader Michael Helwig "Hal" Hillman, who died November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, A native Houstonian, Hal Hillman had a special interest in education and a longstanding relationship with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; he was known for educating young people and other consumers about the importance of agriculture, and in particular the beef industry, in Texas and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Hal was a graduate of The University of Texas and was a member of the United States Navy during World War II; he was active in a number of organizations that support the university, including the Longhorn Foundation, the President's Associates, and the business school's Century Club; he was a life member of The University of Texas Ex-Students' Association; and

WHEREAS, Hal Hillman was chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of The Hillman Company, a holding company whose subsidiaries are involved in real estate, wholesale beverage distribution, and cattle ranching; he was past president and chairman of the board of directors of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Hal played a vital role in the founding of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program; he was executive secretary of its advisory board, and when the organization formed a foundation to support its program he served as vice president of the foundation; in recognition of his service and dedication to the program he was presented with the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Hal Hillman 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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby honor and commemorate the life of Michael Helwig Hillman and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Betty Lou Hillman; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert Michael and Cheryl Hillman; his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Ann and Scot Philipp; his brother, Jack Hillman; his granddaughters, Nicole and Michelle Hillman and Megan Philipp; and many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Michael Helwig Hillman.

Lindsay, Armbrister, Ellis,
Gallegos, Jackson, Janek,
Whitmire, Williams

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 24, 2005,
by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate