SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 415

In Memory of Arthur John Martin

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Plano and the Dallas community in mourning the loss of longtime business and civic leader Arthur John "Art" Martin, who died March 6, 2005, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, The son of an Albanian immigrant of Greek heritage, Art was born in Saint Louis; he was a high school debater and attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, where he was a star on the debate team; and

WHEREAS, A decorated World War II fighter pilot, Art Martin flew 68 missions over occupied Europe; for his service he was awarded the Bronze Star twice and received the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters; and

WHEREAS, He worked for the Veterans Administration after his military service, and then he became a salesman and regional manager for Picture Recording Company in Dallas in 1949; he owned and operated Art Martin Company, a real estate investment firm, from 1959 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected community leader, Art served as chairman of the Regional Transportation Committee of the North Texas Council of Governments and on the Plano City Council for three terms; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Art Martin 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 extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Arthur John Martin: his wife, Jeanne; his son, Arthur Martin, Jr.; his daughter, Holly; and his sister, Maxine Schuman; 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 Arthur John Martin.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate