

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 463

In Memory
of
John Glasrud Vaaler

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of John Glasrud "Jack" Vaaler, who died February 3, 2005, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Jack grew up in a large family in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and graduated from Central High School, where he was active in athletics, music, and drama; he entered the United States Army in 1946 and served his country for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaaler retired from active duty in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel, having served in Panama, Brazil, Korea, Germany, and Vietnam and at 12 stateside military posts; he earned numerous medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Palm, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and three Vietnam service medals; and

WHEREAS, He met famed golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez during officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and they developed a lifelong friendship; Jack combined his passion for golf with his desire for service and over the years raised thousands of dollars for charity by managing golf tournaments; and

WHEREAS, He became an avid painter and was active in his church outreach ministry and choir; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected gentleman and admired leader in the San Antonio community, Jack Vaaler lived an exemplary life

of service and achievement, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will long be remembered by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He 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 extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John Glasrud Vaaler: his wife, Maryann Vaaler; his daughter and son-in-law, Chayle and Doug Reeves; his sisters, Lois Zumberge, Nancy Murnane, Helen Molzahn, and Linda Rudrud; his brothers, Dick Vaaler, Tom Vaaler, and Chuck Vaaler; and his grandchildren, Tyler and Kristen Reeves; 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 John Glasrud Vaaler.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate