

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 468

In Memory
of
Edgar Kendrick Browning, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Edgar Kendrick "E. K." Browning, Jr., who died February 1, 2005, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, E. K. Browning was born July 29, 1912, in Hillsboro and attended Hillsboro Junior College and also The University of Texas at Austin; he was selected for the first Texas Highway Patrol Recruit Training School instituted by the State of Texas in 1935; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in February of 1936, he was assigned to Wichita Falls as a motorcycle patrolman; over the years, E. K. received numerous promotions and advanced to the rank of major and the position of regional commander of West Texas Region 4 in Midland; and

WHEREAS, While serving in Austin, he had the responsibility of the security for all state office buildings, the Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and The University of Texas; he also provided security for the governor and other state and national dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, One of his most memorable assignments was being part of the state security force at the Johnson City ranch for Lyndon B. Johnson while he served as senator, vice president, and president; and

WHEREAS, After retiring at the age of 65, E. K. entered the real estate profession as an appraiser and worked with his wife, Ernestine Stanfield Browning, as a partner in Browning Real Estate in Midland; when he was 82, he served as constable for Precinct 4 in Midland; and

WHEREAS, E. K. was a member of the Midland Rotary Club, Texas Police Association, and West Texas Eastern New Mexico Police Association; he served on the board of directors of the Midland Council on Alcoholism and was an active volunteer with the AMOS Food Bank and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum; he was a member of Saint Luke's Methodist Church in Midland; and

WHEREAS, His wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him, 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 Edgar Kendrick Browning, Jr.: his daughters and sons-in-law, Suzie and George Scheer and Judy and Ken Nolte;

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his son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Denise Eidson; and his four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the 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 Edgar Kendrick Browning, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate