

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 665

In Memory
of
George A. Donnelly, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Midland in mourning the loss of George A. Donnelly, Jr., who died April 9, 2005, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, George A. Donnelly, Jr., was born on October 31, 1918, to Helen and George A. Donnelly, Sr., in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where his father was working as a scout for the Carter Oil Company, and he followed the path set by his father, his grandfather, and his great-grandfather, who were all in the oil industry; by the time he was 11, he was pumping water for a cable tool rig run by his father; and

WHEREAS, He moved with his family to Fort Worth in 1922; he graduated from Central High School and earned a bachelor's degree in geology from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, While at The University of Texas, he met his future wife, Jean Copeland, with whom he enjoyed a 63-year union; the couple married on November 1, 1941; and

WHEREAS, After serving a five-year tour of duty as an officer and as a pilot squadron commander in the Army Air Forces and accumulating over 10,000 hours as a pilot, George returned to West Texas and joined the Eastland Oil Company; he and Jean lived in Monahans, Odessa, and finally settled in Midland in 1959; and

WHEREAS, George was active in professional associations in the oil industry, such as the Geological Foundation Advisory Council for The University of Texas and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists; he was an enthusiastic member of the Exchange Club, and one of his favorite pastimes, other than flying, was serving as a volunteer docent with the American Air Power Heritage Museum; and

WHEREAS, George A. Donnelly, Jr., will long be remembered by those who knew him for his warmth, his wisdom, and his valued counsel; 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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of George A. Donnelly, Jr.: his wife, Jean; his children, George A. Donnelly III, Jan D. O'Neill, and Robert R. Donnelly; his brother, Richard Donnelly; his sister, Peggy D. McConnell; and his seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; 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 George A. Donnelly, Jr.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate