

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 731

In Memory
of
Harold Frederick Olmstead

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Harold Frederick Olmstead, who died March 13, 2005, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Born May 30, 1920, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Harold joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1942 to fight for his country during World War II; he piloted numerous missions over Germany in his B-17 bomber until he was shot down and became a prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, Before he was captured, Harold had been eligible to go home, but elected to stay with his comrades on flight duty; he was a prisoner of war for 13 months in Stalag Luft III, the camp made famous by the film *The Great Escape*, and he earned a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, Harold had several automotive parts businesses, including West Avenue Auto Parts in San Antonio; a master craftsman, he often made clocks and pieces of furniture for his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member of Saint Luke's Catholic Church and was a volunteer for many years with the Villa Rosa Hospital; he worked with several prisoner of war organizations and was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus; he was preceded in death by his first wife, Elaine, and his daughter Christine; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, Harold gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Harold Olmstead was a devoted husband and father, 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 Harold Frederick Olmstead: his wife, Virginia Olmstead; his daughters, Vicky Dean, Cindy Collins, Debbie McGinnis, and Melissa Hild; his stepdaughters, Marsha Mudd, Sharon Guise, Patty Daigle, and Becky Bonugli; and his 26 grandchildren and 16 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 Harold Olmstead.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate