

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 848

In Memory
of
Jimmie Doyle Birdwell

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Ferris in mourning the loss of long-time mayor Jimmie Doyle Birdwell, who died April 12, 2005, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hillsboro on September 21, 1930, to Oides and Emma Everett Birdwell, Jimmie graduated from Ferris High School; he attended Jacksonville Baptist College and Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and talents, Jimmie was employed by Sadisco, Red Ball Motor Freight, and the United States Postal Service; he was an ordained minister and former pastor of the First Baptist Church in DeSoto; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as mayor of Ferris for almost 20 years, Jimmie was active in many organizations, including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association; an avid sports fan, he was an officer of the Ferris Little League Association and the Ferris Yellowjacket Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, A calm presence in the halls of government, Jimmie was known for being a great peacemaker; he always went the extra mile to settle disputes and solve problems; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, strength, and compassion, he gave generously of himself to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the
bereaved family of Jimmie Doyle Birdwell: his wife of 55 years,
Bobbie Jean; his sons, Jayme, Robbie, and Clint; his daughters,
Donna Shaw and Janna Neal; his brothers, Joel, Ronnie, Bill, and
Timothy; and his sisters, Mary, Debbie, Kimothy, and Pat; and, be
it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
the members of the Birdwell 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 Jimmie Birdwell.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 11, 2005, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate