

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 855

In Memory
of
Donald R. Tharp

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Euless and the Dallas/Fort Worth area in mourning the loss of Donald R. Tharp, who died April 2, 2005, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Donald Tharp was a former naval officer and a Vietnam War veteran; he was an elected member of the Euless Historical Preservation Committee and worked tirelessly to preserve the city's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Donald was born in Tyler on January 6, 1940, and grew up in Fort Worth; he earned a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in accounting from The University of Texas at Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Donald joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1957 and went on active duty in 1963 at the start of the Vietnam War; he earned numerous medals and commendations and rose to the rank of lieutenant; he served in the Military Air Transport Services, a global military air carrier, and served as his squadron's navigator until he left the Navy in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Donald was active in veterans groups, including the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he was a past vice commander of the Metroplex Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars; he was a lifelong firearms collector and widely respected in the Southwest for his expertise on firearms; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Donald worked for 20 years in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in community planning development; for the past 11 years, he worked as an accountant for H&R Block; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Donald attended Bible classes at Bellevue Baptist Church in Hurst and was known for his profound knowledge of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, Donald was admired and respected by all who knew him for his wisdom, his warmth, and his kind and endearing manner; he was a loyal brother, 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 pay tribute to the life of Donald R. Tharp and extend sincere condolences to his brother, Paul Porter Tharp; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Donald R. Tharp.

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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