

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1043

In Memory
of
Melvin Lachman

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of community leader and businessman Melvin Lachman, who died April 7, 2005, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was born in San Antonio on April 25, 1918, to Martin and Freida Karotkin Lachman; he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, After serving as an officer in the United States Army during World War II, he returned to San Antonio and cofounded Lachman-Rose Company, which became the largest toy distributor in the Southwest; the company was sold in 1971, and he briefly retired but soon returned to the business world as vice president for the Quincy Lee Company, where he was known for mentoring many young people; and

WHEREAS, Melvin participated in numerous civic activities and served on the board of directors of Saint Luke's Hospital, the Jewish Community Center, the Texas Research and Technology Foundation, the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, and the Anytown, Texas Youth Camp; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, he was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his dedication to humanitarian service, and he was recognized with Israel's 40th anniversary award for his work in the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Melvin Lachman was admired and respected by all who knew him, and he will long be remembered for his wisdom, warmth, and 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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Melvin Lachman: his wife of 27 years, Judith Lachman; his daughters, Lynne Penner and Andrea Lachman; his sister, Elaine Frank; his brother, Sid Lachman; his grandchildren, Matthew Penner and Melanie and Andrew Weinberg; and his stepchildren, Vicki Pitluk and Barry Pitluk; and, be it further

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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 Melvin Lachman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate