

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 203

In Memory
of
Donald Ray Massengale, Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Donald Ray Massengale, Sr., who died January 3, 2007, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Donald Massengale was born April 23, 1937, in Jacksboro, Texas; he graduated from Jacksboro High School and attended Texas Christian University on a basketball scholarship, but golf was his true gift; and

WHEREAS, While a student at Texas Christian University, Don won the Southwest Conference championship, and in 1958, he won the Texas State Amateur; he joined the Professional Golfers Association tour in 1960 and won several tournaments during his career, including the 1966 Canadian Open, the 1966 Bing Crosby Pebble Beach Celebrity Pro-Am, and the 1972 National Club Professional Championship; and

WHEREAS, Don left the tour to spend more time with his family and came home to Texas, and he became head professional at several golf courses in the Houston area; at the age of 50, he joined the Senior Professional Golfers Association tour and won two tournaments before retiring again from tournament golf; he began giving private golf lessons and shared his skills and experience as a teacher and mentor with students of all levels, eventually opening the Massengale Golf Academy with his son Donnie; and

WHEREAS, Don was a devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life; he was a member of Faith Community Church in The Woodlands, where he was active in the small group ministry; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and kindness, Don gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Don was a devoted husband and father, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Donald Ray Massengale, Sr.: his loving wife of 43 years, Judy; his sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie and Laurie Massengale and Mark and Korin Massengale; his five grandchildren; and his brother and sister-in-law, Rik and Cindy Massengale; and, be it further

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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 Donald Ray Massengale, Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate