

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 517

In Memory
of
Harry B. Orem

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Harry B. Orem, who died March 6, 2007, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Harry Orem was born November 4, 1926, in Houston; his family moved to San Antonio when he was in elementary school, and he graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orem joined the United States Navy, serving on the USS *Maddox*, the USS *Spangler*, and the USS *Mansfield*; he left active duty in 1947 and joined the United States Navy Reserve, where he served until he retired in 1986 with the rank of commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orem returned to San Antonio in 1947 and earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in biology from Trinity University; in 1953, he began a long and exemplary career with Alamo Heights Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the district, he served as a coach, teacher, assistant to the superintendent, assistant principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent, and acting superintendent; after his retirement in 1994, he served as a school board trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orem was a devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, and he was an active member of Alamo Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, He met Mary Ann Hawkins at Cambridge, while he was a coach and she was a first-grade teacher, and he married her in June of 1948; she preceded him in death after 58 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, kindness, and compassion will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those he left behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Harry B. Orem: his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Janice Orem; his daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and John Neill; and his five grandsons; 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 Harry B. Orem.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate