

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 633

In Memory
of
John Gavin

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Wichita Falls in mourning the loss of the Honorable John Gavin, community leader and former state legislator, who died February 16, 2007, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, John Gavin contributed significantly to the City of Wichita Falls through his leadership as a city councilman, mayor, and state legislator; and

WHEREAS, He served as Wichita Falls city councilman and as mayor at a volatile period in history, and he is credited with bringing integration to restaurants and theaters in the city; and

WHEREAS, He served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1981 to 1991; his tenure began during a critical time for the residents of North Texas, who were recovering from the devastating effects of the tornado of 1979; and

WHEREAS, He was chair of the House Insurance Committee for three terms and was instrumental in the revision of worker's compensation laws; he also supported legislation providing health care for the poor; and

WHEREAS, John Gavin was born in Indianapolis on August 23, 1920; he was a fighter pilot in the United States Navy during World War II; he owned Gavin Insurance until his retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, He was a highly respected gentleman known for his intelligence and his wonderful sense of humor; he had a reputation

as a competent and effective professional and a decent and fair man, whose hallmark was his personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, 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, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of John Gavin and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife of 64 years, Jean; his daughters, Jean Ohm, Kathleen Von Buren, Maureen Gavin, and Ann Patterson; and his son, John; and, be it further

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 John Gavin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate