

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 713

In Memory
of
F.B. Sexton

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Lubbock in mourning the loss of F.B. "Buddy" Sexton, who died December 30, 2006, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Sexton was born November 4, 1936, in Sylvester to Finnis Booth and Vera Lawlis Sexton; he grew up in Slaton and graduated from Slaton High School, where he was elected student body president and Western Day King; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sexton attended John Tarleton Junior College and then West Texas State University, where he received his United States Army commission and earned the title of Distinguished Military Graduate in 1960; he later went on to earn a master's degree in education at Texas Tech University; he married his college sweetheart, Mary Ivan Gressett, on September 13, 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sexton proudly served in the United States Army and achieved the rank of captain; following his military career, he had a long and productive career in the field of education as a teacher and a principal; toward the end of his 31-year career, he served as a principal at Ballinger School and Stubbs Elementary School in Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sexton was an avid collector of such diverse items as coins, radios, antique cars, and tractors; he loved to travel with friends and family and especially enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's activities; and

WHEREAS, Active in civic and professional affairs, he was a lifetime member of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, and he belonged to the Slaton Railroad Heritage Committee and the Texas Retired Teachers Association; he was a member of the United Methodist Church and a former member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and kindness, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and good humor will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of F.B. "Buddy" Sexton: his wife, Mary Sexton; his sons and daughter-in-law, Brad Sexton and Blaine and Syd Sexton; his daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Rick Jones; his sister, Joyce; and his four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; and, be it further

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 F.B. Sexton.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate