

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1045

In Memory
of
Leslie Louis Appelt

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Leslie Louis Appelt, who died April 22, 2007, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Appelt was born in Hallettsville on March 13, 1919; he graduated from Texas A&M University in 1941, and he remained a devoted alumnus; the university's rich traditions and the camaraderie among students and graduates had a profound effect on both his personal and business endeavors throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country during World War II, he began his distinguished career in commercial real estate; in 1957, he founded Leslie L. Appelt and Associates, the company that became Colliers, Appelt, Womack, Incorporated, and then Colliers International-Houston; he was chairman emeritus of the board; and

WHEREAS, He served as a consultant to major corporations and foundations that developed such properties as the Jacintoport Industrial Park; he held leadership roles in national and local commercial real estate industry associations; and

WHEREAS, He was chairman and trustee emeritus of the Texas A&M University Foundation and served on the president's council and the advisory board of the Texas A&M Institute of Biosciences and Technology; he was founder and director of the Texas A&M University Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise; he established the Leslie L. Appelt President's Endowed Scholarship and the Leslie L. Appelt 12th Man Endowed Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, His love of central Texas prompted his leadership in the Limousin cattle industry at Oak Meadows Ranch in La Grange, and he designed and developed the highly acclaimed ColoVista Country Club along the Colorado River in Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, His civic and religious activities included service with the Houston Chamber of Commerce, Saint Luke's United Methodist Church, and the First United Methodist Church of Bastrop; he served on the board of directors of several organizations involved with clean water standards and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Leslie L. Appelt was a distinguished gentleman and a respected and trusted community and business leader; his commitment to his profession, loyalty to his alma mater, and concern for the environment has had a positive and lasting impact on this state, and he enriched the lives of many Texans; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted father and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and all those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Leslie Louis Appelt: his sons and daughters-in-law, Daren R. Appelt, Dr. Gary L. Appelt and Sandi, and Kenneth L. Appelt and Kathi; his daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca A. Conkling and Bill; his seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his stepsons, Brandon, Kevin, and Scott Coleman; and his stepdaughters, Vanessa Landram, Kimberly Wise, and Myra Skinner; 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 Leslie Louis Appelt.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate