

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1076

In Memory
of
Thomas Cullin DeChant

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Thomas Cullin DeChant of San Antonio, who died on June 12, 2006, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Thomas DeChant was born on July 13, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio; after serving for a time as a Cleveland police officer, he joined the United States Postal Service in 1943 and began a successful career that would span nearly five decades; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected leader in the San Antonio community, Mr. DeChant was actively involved in numerous organizations, including the Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Air Quality Control Commission, the San Antonio Crime Commission, and the Traditional Crime Prevention Council; and

WHEREAS, During his retirement, his efforts in the community were focused on the welfare of senior citizens and issues regarding crimes against the elderly; he was active in the Comprehensive Nutrition Project of Senior Citizens, the District 10 Senior Citizens Commission, and the Joint City-County Commission on Elderly Affairs; moreover, he was instrumental in the passage of a law that made preying on the elderly a felony; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his community-wide projects, Mr. DeChant served his fellow residents by cofounding the Alamo Area Brown Backers and the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association; for his exceptional contributions to the City of San Antonio, he was honored by San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman of courage, compassion, unwavering integrity, and boundless energy, Tom DeChant had a profound desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others, and although this dedicated Texan is greatly missed by those who knew him, he will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Cullin DeChant and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: his daughters and sons-in-law, Denise Ann Murray and Michael Murray, Diane DeChant, Debra Marie Harbison and the Reverend W. Scott Harbison, and Dorrine Harriette DeChant; his son, Thomas J. DeChant; his granddaughter, Cassandra DeChant Harbison; his brother, Gerald DeChant; his sister, Patricia Telepak; and his other relatives; 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 Thomas Cullin DeChant.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate