

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

In Memory  
of  
Donald Joseph Knapp

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Donald Joseph Knapp, who died January 5, 2009, at the age of 79; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Joseph Knapp was born on August 7, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia; he earned a civil engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business from the University of Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander Knapp, retired, was a veteran of the Korean War; he served aboard the amphibious control ship USS *Frybarger* and the aircraft carrier USS *Coral Sea*; a loyal patriot, he was a 50-year member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a longtime treasurer of the San Antonio Alamo Council of the Navy League; for 35 years, he actively recruited top students for appointments to the United States military academies; and

**WHEREAS**, An engineering and computer specialist and enthusiast, he worked for Hughes Aircraft, UNIVAC, United Press International, Crothall Systems, and as a consultant; he was a longtime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, A Georgian by birth, Mr. Knapp embraced being a Texan; he moved with his wife to San Antonio some 15 years ago and was an active leader in the community; he was a member of Saint Matthew's Catholic Church, the Gateway Coin Club, and the San Antonio Genealogy and Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, A true Renaissance man, Donald Knapp had an endless curiosity and limitless skills; he was exceptionally intelligent and had a keen sense of humor that endeared him to his family and to all who knew him; an avid proponent for healthy living, he encouraged his children to live each day as though they had diabetes, a condition with which he lived for 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, He was married to the late Frances Ann Sheedy Knapp for 52 years; a devoted father and grandfather, he followed with great interest the deployments of his grandsons to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bahrain; as the members of his family continue to mourn his loss, they have many precious memories of their beloved "Daddy" that can be treasured forever; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Donald Joseph Knapp: his daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Fred Minich; his sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Janet Knapp and Bruce and Susan Knapp; his brother, William Arnold Knapp, Jr.; his 12 grandchildren; and his seven great-grandchildren; 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 Donald Joseph Knapp.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 2, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate