

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

In Memory
of
Fred Kerwin Fox

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas pays tribute to the life of Fred Kerwin Fox of Austin, a decorated World War II veteran and longtime leader in the oil and gas industry, who died on June 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Fred Kerwin Fox was born in Houston on April 3, 1926, to Fred Fox, Jr., and Marie Potier Fox; after the death of his mother in 1935 and his father in 1939, he attended Allen Military Academy in Bryan and served in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, He joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served in the South Pacific during World War II; he was wounded fighting the Japanese on the island of Peleliu and was hospitalized for two years and awarded the Navy Cross and a Purple Heart; he was a proud veteran and returned to the island many times, and he worked diligently to promote better relations between Micronesia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Fred worked for the Halliburton company as a roughneck cleaning drill collars and other oil field equipment; he would later invent and develop the spiral drill collar and other equipment that proved valuable in the oil and gas industry worldwide; and

WHEREAS, He studied petroleum engineering at The University of Texas under the GI Bill, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in 1949 and 1951; he was honored as a Distinguished Engineering Graduate in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Fred became an independent oil operator and served as a general partner in a gas production company; he was chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors of Engineering Enterprises, Incorporated; a highly respected leader in the oil and gas industry, he obtained some 38 patents, wrote numerous articles for professional publications, and presented papers and lectures for various technical conferences and organizations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Fred was married to Lillian Hand Fox and the late Patricia Lynch Fox, and he was the father of three sons, Timothy, Casey, and Jesse; a greatly admired and respected gentleman, he was renowned for his integrity, his intellect, and his pleasant disposition, and he will long be remembered for his loyalty and service to his country and his leadership in his profession; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor the memory of Fred Kerwin Fox; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate his life, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred Kerwin Fox.

Watson

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate