

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

In Memory
of
Irwin Sexton

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Irwin "Mike" Sexton, who died November 18, 2008, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born November 7, 1921, Mr. Sexton served the country during World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Forces; following the war, he earned a bachelor's degree at Purdue University and a master's degree in library science from Western Reserve University; and

WHEREAS, Following stints with libraries in Indiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma, Mr. Sexton moved to San Antonio, where he served as director of the San Antonio Public Library system from 1961 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Under his direction, the library's circulation more than doubled, and the system opened 13 branch locations; he instituted one of the first books-by-mail programs in the country and greatly expanded bookmobile service; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, the late Kathryn Sexton, he wrote a book on the life of Samuel A. Maverick; he was an avid card player and handyman, whose many talents and projects included automobile repair and tree trimming; and

WHEREAS, A man of strength, compassion, and unwavering faith, Mr. Sexton gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, He was a committed husband and father, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Irwin "Mike" Sexton: his son and daughter-in-law, David and Debbie Sexton; his brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Joyce Sexton; and his granddaughter, Erin; 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 Irwin "Mike" Sexton.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate