

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 376

In Memory
of
Joe Audway Knight

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dayton in mourning the loss of Joe Audway Knight, who died on February 17, 2009, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Joe Knight was raised on a farm in Madison County during the Depression and moved with his family to Dayton in 1930; he served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; he attended Harvard Business School and earned a degree in business from Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, He married Mary Lea Moore in 1950, and in 1957, he ventured into the publishing business; he was a founder of Cordovan Corporation Publishers and served as the company's director for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted family man and a pillar of the community; he helped organize the Dayton Division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association and served two terms on the Dayton City Council; he was a member of the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department and a director with the Texas Bank of Cooperatives Stockholders' Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman, he gave unselfishly to others, and his warmth, wisdom, and wise counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Joe Knight was beloved by his family and friends, and he leaves behind memories that will be deeply treasured by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joe Audway Knight: his wife, Mary; his sons, Joe Knight, Jr., and Jay Knight; his two grandchildren; and his great-grandson; 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 Joe Knight.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate