

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 449

In Memory
of
George Allen Crowley

WHEREAS, The life of an admired jurist drew to a close with the passing of the Honorable George Allen Crowley on February 22, 2009, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, After distinguishing himself in the practice of civil law, Judge Crowley was appointed by Governor Mark White to preside over the 67th District Court in 1983, and Tarrant County voters retained him in that position until he retired in the mid-1990s; renowned for his fair and thoughtful decisions, he also won acclaim for modernizing the court's jury selection process and pioneering the "settlement week" mediation system that was subsequently mandated for metropolitan counties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, George Crowley was born on August 5, 1931, in Fort Worth and graduated from Polytechnic High School; he served his nation as a member of the United States Army and earned his undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin; choosing to carry on a family tradition in the legal profession, he graduated from The University of Texas School of Law and then joined the staff of his father's firm, Crowley, Wright, Miller and Garrett, where he worked for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Pat, were joined in matrimony while Mr. Crowley was still a law student, beginning a marriage that spanned more than 50 years; the couple were blessed with two children and later welcomed grandchildren and great-grandchildren into the family; and

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WHEREAS, Among the accolades bestowed on Judge Crowley was the Silver Gavel Award from the Tarrant County Bar Association, the organization's highest judicial honor; this tribute was an indication of the great respect Judge Crowley earned from his colleagues through the years, and his devoted service was of lasting benefit to the citizens of Tarrant County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable George Allen Crowley and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Pat Crowley; to his children, Pam Saenz and Allen Crowley; to his four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge Crowley.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate