

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 451

In Memory
of
Jack Quarles Whitley

WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Jack Quarles Whitley of Burleson, who passed away on February 22, 2009, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 28, 1920, to Eula Quarles and William Elmo Whitley in Elkhart, Jack Whitley received his early education at the Masonic Home and School of Texas in Fort Worth, where he played on the Mighty Mites football team under legendary coach Rusty Russell; he attended Lon Morris College and then Stephen F. Austin State University until answering his nation's call to duty during World War II; he served in the Army Air Force Reserve as the captain of a bomber crew on Okinawa; remaining on active duty until 1952, he helped coach the Carswell Air Force Base football team to a national service championship in 1951; his service in the reserve extended until the late 1960s, when he retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitley became the football coach at the Masonic Home and School in 1952, and he remained there for approximately 10 years; he later oversaw the team at Fort Worth Polytechnic High School and was then appointed superintendent of the Tarrant County Children's Home; he subsequently returned to the Masonic Home and School to serve as superintendent and finally worked as a probation officer until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Whitley enjoyed the love and support of his wife, the former Durstyn Moore, with whom he shared more than six decades, until her passing in 2004; the couple were blessed with three daughters, Donna, Karla, and Jackie, and had the pleasure of welcoming six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren into their family; and

WHEREAS, Jack Whitley will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but he leaves behind a wealth of memories that will be treasured for years to come by those privileged to share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jack Quarles Whitley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughters, Donna Jones and her husband, Johnny, Karla Purcell and her husband, Robert, and Jackie Patridge Stewart and her husband, Bernie; to his grandchildren, Kelsey Jones Parnell and her husband, Todd, Paige Purcell, Grady Purcell and his wife, Jennifer, Keely Patridge, Brad Patridge, and Dursty Patridge Engel and her husband, Rick; to his great-grandsons, Ace and Hudd Parnell, Logan and Luke Purcell, and Jack Engel; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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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 Jack Whitley.

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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