

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 452

In Memory
of
James Hubbard

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their memories of James "Buck" Hubbard of Granbury, who passed away on February 22, 2009, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, A native of De Queen, Arkansas, Buck Hubbard was born on June 11, 1926, and moved with his parents to Texas when he was a child; fighting for his country in World War II, he survived a kamikaze attack while serving aboard the carrier USS *Yorktown*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard returned to Tarrant County following the war and began a career in sanitation management; he climbed the corporate ladder by virtue of hard work and keen business sense and eventually became chief executive officer of Allied Waste Services; and

WHEREAS, Turning his energy to politics, Mr. Hubbard served on the North Richland Hills City Council; following a move to Colleyville, he again sought a public role in his community and served as mayor of Colleyville from 1979 to 1983 and again from 1985 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, With his love for people and strong organizational skills, Mr. Hubbard effectively managed the transition of Colleyville from a rural town to a growing city; one of his most notable achievements as mayor was to secure a water supply for the town; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard was knowledgeable, influential, and known for his ability to work effectively with people from all walks of life; he represented his community well and used his talents to better the lives of his constituents; not content to simply retire, he relocated to Granbury, where he operated a 400-tree peach orchard called B&B Farm; and

WHEREAS, While much of his life was spent in corporate boardrooms and the political arena, Mr. Hubbard also loved to work outdoors; he was content to spend his days building fences, tending his orchard, caring for a few cows, and sharing the bounty of his peach crop with others; and

WHEREAS, An exceptionally bright and generous man, Buck Hubbard touched many lives through his outstanding public service and abiding love of family and community; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of James "Buck" Hubbard and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Billie; to his sons, Sonny, Ronald, and Curtis Hubbard; to his daughters, Sue Kulaga, Donna Eckhardt, Jan Freeman, Rhonda Moore, and Sheree Yarborough; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James "Buck" Hubbard.

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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