

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 464

In Memory  
of  
Johnny Freelen

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Grand Saline in mourning the loss of Johnny Freelen, who died March 6, 2008, at the age of 74; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Freelen was born July 4, 1933, in Lamar County; he served in the armed forces during the Korean War and had a successful career with General Motors in Arlington; he was serving as a foreman in the company at the time of his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary gentleman, he was a well-known leader in his community and was respected for his many accomplishments; a 32nd-degree Mason, he was a Golden Trowel recipient and a past grand master; he organized and managed the Challenger League sports program in Grand Saline, and he was named Grand Saline Man of the Year in recognition of his many contributions to the city; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, he gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; he was a devout Christian and a member of Corinth Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Freelen was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Johnny Freelen: his wife of 49 years, Johnnie Vay; his sons, Rusty and Randy; his daughter, Rhonda Grandon; his brothers, George, Frankie, Danny, and Jimmy; his sisters, Shirley Murdock, Ollie Watkins, Kay Rowland, and Judy Simpson; and his nine grandchildren; 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 Johnny Freelen.

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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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate