

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 536

In Memory  
of  
Richard P. Sheffield

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Jacksonville in mourning the loss of Richard P. Sheffield, who died March 17, 2009, at the age of 84; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Sheffield was born May 17, 1924, in Blox, Texas; he attended Kirbyville High School, where he excelled in athletics, earning letters in four sports and playing in the Texas-Louisiana State All-Star football game in 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sheffield served the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Navy; he attended Lamar Junior College and Tulane University, where he continued to excel in football, playing in the Blue-Gray game and the first Senior Bowl; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sheffield began coaching at Beaumont High School, and he led the football team to its first district championship in 22 years before coming to Jacksonville in 1958; he assumed head coaching duties in 1959 and quickly became known for his fiercely competitive teams, which regularly contested the district championships and several times advanced to the state football playoffs; he was known for his demanding but fair approach and his ability to instill discipline and mental toughness in his teams; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he was beloved and respected by his family and countless friends, and he will long be remembered for his generous spirit and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Richard P. Sheffield; 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 Richard P. Sheffield.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate