

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 808

In Memory
of
Gerald Spear Connell, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Gerald Spear Connell, Jr., who died April 3, 2009, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Connell was born in San Antonio on February 7, 1932, to Gerald S. Connell, Sr., and Gladys Whitley Connell; he became a talented magician, and in his early years, he took his magic show to cities and towns across Texas; and

WHEREAS, Known as one of "San Antonio's Finest," Jerry served his community as a San Antonio police officer for 13 years and as a constable of Precinct 2 for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry had a passion for all types of music; he played bass guitar in a country band, and over the years, he became friends with many country singers; he collected all types of music, from opera to country, and had a collection of close to 400,000 recordings, which he wished to bequeath to the music department at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, He had a zest for adventure and an outgoing personality that endeared him to all who knew him; he was a devoted husband, father, and brother, 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 Gerald Spear Connell, Jr.: his wife of 53 years, Joan Slavin Connell; his son, Gerald S. Connell III; his daughter and her husband, Gretchen and Tony Allen; his sisters, Gayle Olenick and Gloria Weiss; and his four 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 Gerald Spear Connell, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate