

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1067

In Memory  
of  
James Howard Nelson

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of James Howard "Jim" Nelson, who died May 16, 2008, at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, James Howard Nelson was born October 1, 1929, in Central Texas; he grew up in Weslaco, where his family was involved in farming and ranching for several decades; he was a 1952 graduate of Texas A&I University in Kingsville and worked in the aerospace industry his entire career; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nelson was noted for his steadfast support of the Republican Party in Dallas and Denton County; he served as a patriarch of the party for many years, helping to establish the party as a formidable power in that area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nelson was the recipient of the Denton County Republican Party's first volunteer of the year award in the early 1980s for his invaluable contributions and service to the party; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nelson was an exemplar of the American dream; a child of the Great Depression, he learned the value of hard work and became an entrepreneur in his field, founding Mayday Manufacturing in 1966, which went on to become a mainstay in the aerospace component industry and today, with its affiliates, employs 250 workers on a 35-acre campus in Denton; and

**WHEREAS**, Active in civic and philanthropic affairs, Mr. Nelson was a tireless supporter of the arts; the arts organizations of the greater Lewisville area owe much of their success to his and his family's generous patronage and support through the years; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of intellect, wit, and charm, Mr. Nelson was admired by people from all walks of life, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and many friends will continue to cherish the memories of his life and his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Howard Nelson; and, be it further

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**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 Jim Nelson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate