

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1068

In Memory  
of  
Herbert Richard Custer

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Katy in mourning the loss of Herbert Richard Custer, who died May 20, 2009, at the age of 83; and

**WHEREAS**, Herb Custer was born November 25, 1925, in San Diego, California; he served the nation with honor and distinction during World War II aboard the submarine USS *Silversides*; and

**WHEREAS**, After the war, Mr. Custer returned to California and earned a bachelor's degree from Loyola University; he met and married his wife, Pat, and the couple started a family as he began a career in the oil business; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Custer enjoyed a long and productive career, working for Atlantic Richfield before joining the Shell Oil Company, where he worked in human resources until his retirement in the early 1980s; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his retirement, Mr. Custer embarked on a new career as a teacher; he began graduate studies working toward a master of business administration degree and taught classes at the University of Houston and Houston Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Custer remained loyal to his comrades in the submarine service as a lifelong member of the United States Submarine Society; proud of his Irish lineage, he was a founding member of the Irish American Heritage Association and was an avid follower of Notre Dame football; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of humility, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others; he was a devout man who practiced his faith in his daily life, and his sense of duty and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest were an inspiration to all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Custer was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished 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 Herbert Richard Custer: his loving wife of 58 years, Pat; his children, Ellen, Cathy, Diane, Kevin, Tim, Daniel, Thomas, and Joseph; his brother, Joseph; and his six grandchildren; 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 Herbert Richard Custer.

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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