

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1095

In Memory
of
Leonard E. Hoffman, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of the Honorable Leonard E. Hoffman, Jr., who died May 22, 2009, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Hoffman was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and moved with his family to Tyler, where he graduated from high school; he attended Tyler Junior College and studied law at The University of Texas in Austin before serving his country during World War II for almost four years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Leonard Hoffman returned to The University of Texas at Austin and earned his law degree in 1947; he was in private practice for 22 years in Dallas before being elected judge of the 160th District Court, where he served from 1971 through 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman was dedicated to his work in the legal profession; he had a rewarding 55-year career as a lawyer, a judge, an arbitrator, and a mediator, but he was most proud of his role in integrating the Dallas Bar Association in 1963; professional honors he received include the Justice Emeritus award from the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts; and

WHEREAS, He was a Mason, a member of the Oak Cliff Lions Club, a leader of the Circle 10 Council of the Boy Scouts of America, an officer and director of the Mental Health Association of Dallas County, and head of the local chapter of the Society of

Mayflower Descendants; he was a founder of and an active leader in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, A kind and highly esteemed gentleman, Leonard Hoffman, Jr., was renowned for his candor and sincerity and regarded by his colleagues as the ultimate lawyer; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and his 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 the Honorable Leonard E. Hoffman, Jr.: his wife, Clara Graeber Hoffman; his sons, Leonard Hoffman III and Paul Hoffman; his daughters, Gretchen Vohsing and Sally Hurd; 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 the Honorable Leonard E. Hoffman, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate