

By: Chisum

H.R. No. 245

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Pampa lost a beloved longtime resident
2 and admired civic leader with the death of E. E. "Shelly" Shelhamer
3 on June 26, 2011, at the age of 98; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 3, 1912, in Sumner County, Kansas,
5 Mr. Shelhamer graduated from Winfield High School and went on to
6 attend Southwestern College in Winfield, then settled in Pampa in
7 1936; he served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Signal
8 Corps during World War II, earning the rank of staff sergeant; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Shelhamer had a distinguished 25-year career
10 with Beacon Supply, holding the positions of secretary and
11 treasurer before becoming a partner; following his retirement from
12 the business in 1961, he worked as an agent with Southwestern Life
13 Insurance; and

14 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of his community, Mr.
15 Shelhamer had been a member and president of the Pampa ISD board of
16 trustees, a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center board for
17 more than 30 years, a member of the Adobe Walls Council of Boy
18 Scouts of America, and a member and president of the Pampa Chamber
19 of Commerce; in addition, he was a past president of and active in
20 the Rotary Club, which made him a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008; he was
21 also a member of the First Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and
22 secretary of the Everyman's Bible Class; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Shelhamer was blessed
24 with the support of his wife, Lois; they lovingly raised three

1 children, Gene, Jim, and Pam, and his treasured family eventually
2 grew to include 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a
4 man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on the
5 world as they move through it, and Shelly Shelhamer leaves behind a
6 legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of E. E. "Shelly" Shelhamer and extend deepest sympathy to the
11 members of his family: to his wife, Lois Shelhamer; to his sons, Dr.
12 Gene Shelhamer and his wife, Carolyn, and Dr. Jim Shelhamer and his
13 wife, Ruth; to his daughter, Pam Grant; to his grandchildren, Dee
14 Howard, Melissa Burns, Lori Patterson, Melanie Willis, Alan
15 Shelhamer, Kristi Muehlstein, Claire Neill, and Lindsay, Ian, and
16 Joel Grant; to his great-grandchildren, Matt and Sara Howard,
17 Lahne, Lauren, and Lance Burns, Lindy and Laney Patterson, Amelia
18 and Gracie Shelhamer, Vera Mae Foster, and Olivia Rae Grant; and to
19 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of E. E.
23 "Shelly" Shelhamer.