

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

In Memory  
of  
Ramsay Gillman

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of noted businessman and philanthropist Ramsay Gillman, who died June 3, 2011, at the age of 67; and

**WHEREAS**, A sixth-generation Texan, Ramsay Gillman was born February 1, 1944, in Houston; he began his long and distinguished career in the automobile industry working in the parts department of his father's Pontiac dealership; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gillman became an authorized dealer in 1967 after attending the General Motors Dealer Management Institute and other specialized schools; he went on to create the Gillman Companies, one of the largest privately held automobile dealership groups in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, Mr. Gillman played an important leadership role in the automobile industry, serving for a decade as a director of the National Automobile Dealers Association, including a term as its president; he also served as president of the Houston Automobile Dealers Association and as vice president of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gillman won numerous awards over the course of his career, including the lifetime achievement Automotive Legends Award from the Texas Automobile Dealers Association; he was appointed by Governor Mark White to serve as vice chairman of the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission and by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the many charitable and philanthropic causes to which he generously donated his time and resources were the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Youth Scholarship Program, the Fort Bend County Women's Center, the Earning by Learning Program, the Ronald McDonald House, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Sickle Cell Association; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he will be long remembered for his warm and loyal friendship, his love of the outdoors, his exceptional storytelling abilities, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Ramsay Gillman: his beloved wife of 35 years, Stevie Gillman; his daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Frank Wimbish; his sons and daughter-in-law Jason and Brittany Gillman and Christopher Gillman; and his 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 Ramsay Gillman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 9, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate