

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

In Memory
of
Foy Wallace Watson, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of one of our most beloved legislative employees, Foy Wallace Watson, Jr., who died October 30, 2010, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Born October 7, 1926, in Waco, Foy Watson was a member of "The Greatest Generation" and was a true military hero who served during World War II and received a Purple Heart and two battle stars; and

WHEREAS, After the war, he married his longtime sweetheart, Bernadine, and embarked on a successful career as a revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service; following his retirement, he went on to earn the designation of Texas Master Florist; and

WHEREAS, Foy Watson joined the Texas Senate in 1997 and served with distinction as an Assistant Senate Doorkeeper over the course of seven regular legislative sessions and numerous special sessions; as the operator of the elevator behind the Senate Chamber, he was treasured by senators and their staff for the individual attention he gave to all who passed his way, as well as for his obvious good nature and his positive outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Watson's longtime Senate service, his affable personality endeared him to all who walked the Capitol halls, and his dedication, generosity, and exemplary work ethic will long be remembered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion; he was a 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Mason, an active member of Hill City Lodge 456, and a noble of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple; he was a devout Christian and a member of Crestview Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and was treasurer for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman in every way, Foy Watson loved his work, his state, and his country; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who worked with him and by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Foy Wallace Watson, Jr.: his loving and devoted wife of 63 years, Bernadine Gummelt Watson; his children and their spouses,

Foy Watson III and his wife, Gloria, Richard Watson and his wife, Debbie, and Cindy Constantine and her husband, Kim; his brother, Tom Watson; his sister, Rose Summers; and his nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a plaque bearing the name of Foy Wallace Watson, Jr., be placed in the Senate elevator in honor and in memory of this exceptional legislative employee and patriotic citizen; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Foy Wallace Watson, Jr.

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Birdwell	Hegar	Seliger
Carona	Hinojosa	Shapiro
Davis	Huffman	Uresti
Deuell	Jackson	Van de Putte
Duncan	Lucio	Watson
Ellis	Nelson	Wentworth
Estes	Nichols	West
Fraser	Ogden	Whitmire
Gallegos	Patrick	Williams
Harris	Rodriguez	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 1, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate