

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

In Memory  
of  
William Barton Harris

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of William Barton Harris, who died December 16, 2010, at the age of 67; and

**WHEREAS**, William Barton Harris was born in Denison on August 16, 1943, to W. T. and Helen Harris; he moved to Bangs, Texas, and graduated from high school there in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, He earned a degree in range and forestry at Texas A&M University in 1966; he then entered the Naval Flight Program and received his wings as a United States Navy aviator; he served his country for 12 years, including three years in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, He married Ann Friend of Austin in 1966; they moved to Bangs after Barton finished his military service, and he purchased the local meat-processing plant; he owned a cow-calf operation and Harris Meats of Bangs for 15 years; in 1988, he moved to the industrial park in Brownwood as the owner of the W. T. Harris Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Barton was active in many professional associations, served as president of the Texas Oklahoma Meat Processors Association for four years, and served on the boards of directors of the Brown County Farm Bureau, the Brownwood Airport, and the Brown County Fair Association; and

**WHEREAS**, He was very involved with local law enforcement and over the years had received much recognition and numerous awards from several groups for his dedication and loyalty, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Abilene District Highway Patrol, and the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Intelligence Service; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a member of the inaugural board for Crime Stoppers in Brown County in 1984 and last year helped expand the organization's coverage into Coleman and Mills Counties; he served the Bangs community as president of McDaniel Cemetery for many years, and he provided gun safety instruction to many young people in the Texas 4-H program and let them use his skeet range; he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Brownwood for 34 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Barton loved the family ranch, which was first settled by his grandparents in 1917; he purchased adjoining land in order to maintain the family legacy of pioneer landowners in Brown County; a gracious and hospitable gentleman, he enjoyed entertaining and hosting events at the ranch; and

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**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, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the life of William Barton Harris and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; 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 William Barton Harris.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate