

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 183

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Leon Schmidt on the grand occasion of his 95th birthday; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman is well known for his wisdom and generosity of spirit, and he is a respected citizen of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Leon Schmidt was born February 12, 1916, in Yorktown, Texas; a 1932 graduate of Austin High School, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas and a master's degree from Harvard University; he served the nation as a first lieutenant in the United States Army in the Pacific theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt married Barbara Cowen on October 11, 1953, and the couple raised four children, Robert, Edythe, Rhona, and Sue, who have been a source of much pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1930s, along with his father, Jacob, Mr. Schmidt opened Yaring's in Austin; it became an iconic business noted for women's fashions and accessories, and for more than 60 years offered personalized customer service to the Austin community; and

WHEREAS, Active in community affairs, Mr. Schmidt has been a generous donor to such organizations as Mexic-Arte, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, the Dell Jewish Community Center, and the Dell Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, A beloved and respected member of his community, Mr. Schmidt is noted for his business acumen, his compassion for others, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Leon Schmidt on his many achievements and extend to him best wishes for a memorable 95th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate