

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

In Memory
of
William Henry Borchers

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of New Braunfels in mourning the loss of longtime attorney and civic leader William Henry Borchers, who died January 2, 2011, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Bill Borchers was born in Lavaca County on August 13, 1923; he graduated from Yoakum High School in 1940 and studied typing and shorthand at Baldwin Business College; he joined the United States Army and served in the infantry during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he completed his undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University and earned his law degree from Baylor Law School; he worked as a claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company, and upon passing the bar examination, he worked as an assistant district attorney in Harris County; he then joined the law firm of Carl & Lee in Houston; and

WHEREAS, Bill married Joyce Word on June 30, 1956; the family moved to New Braunfels in the fall of 1959 and Bill began his own legal practice; in 1963, he and Joyce created the Oakwood Estates subdivision, and from that point forward, Bill played an active role in the land development business; and

WHEREAS, He served as Comal County Democratic Chairman from 1960 to 1964, and in 1965, he was appointed city attorney; he was the oldest practicing attorney in New Braunfels and a mentor and role model for young attorneys who often sought his counsel; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in the creation of the New Braunfels National Bank, now Wells Fargo Bank; he was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Bible study fellowship; he served as Exalted Ruler of the New Braunfels Elks Lodge, and he was an active member of the Breakfast Lions Club for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Borchers was a highly esteemed gentleman who was renowned for his good business principles and his old-style standards; he was regarded a true country gentleman and a good, honest person, who always looked out for the best interests of his community; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of William Henry Borchers and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family:

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his daughters, Marcia McGlothlin, and her husband, Forrest, and Bonnie Duettra, and her husband, Andrew; his brothers, Dr. Charles Borchers; O. R. "Jimmy" Borchers, and his wife, Betty Ann; and Marion "Jack" Borchers, and his wife, Robbie; his brother-in-law, Tim D. Word, and his wife, Suzanne; and his four grandchildren and great-grandson; 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 Henry Borchers.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate