

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 943

In Memory
of
David M. Himmelblau

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of noted scholar and professor Dr. David M. Himmelblau, who died April 27, 2011, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Himmelblau was a native of Chicago, where he attended the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools; while attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was a member of the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and he made the transition to active duty and served as an intelligence officer during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, he returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering; he went on to earn a master of business administration degree from Northwestern University and master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his doctorate, he moved with his family to Austin and joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin, where he taught for 42 years; he wrote 11 books and more than 200 articles and was the Paul D. and Betty Robertson Meek and American Petrofina Foundation Centennial Professor Emeritus in Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, His book, *Basic Principles and Calculations in Chemical Engineering*, was recognized as one of the most important books in the field by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; he played a vital role in the development of computer aids for chemical engineering education and won numerous awards and citations for his outstanding contributions to his profession; and

WHEREAS, A man of diverse and varied interests, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and many friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. David M. Himmelblau: his wife of 62 years, Betty Hartman Himmelblau; his children and their spouses, Margaret and Don Nellor and Andrew Himmelblau and Ellen Hurley; his grandchildren, Travis and Stacie Nellor; and his brother, Leo Himmelblau; 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 Dr. David M. Himmelblau.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate