

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 965

In Memory
of
James E. Grayson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston and Montgomery in mourning the loss of James E. Grayson, who died December 3, 2010, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, James Grayson served in the United States Navy and was a veteran of World War II; he had the honorable distinction of being the longest-tenured employee of the Texas Department of Transportation, where he worked for 56 years and seven months; and

WHEREAS, He began his career in 1946 in the department's Greenwood office and worked for many years in Design and Programs; he retired in August of 2002 to take care of his wife, Tedd, who had Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, James Grayson was a charter member of the Texas Public Employees Association; to honor him for his many years of service, the association's Houston Chapter created an award in his name, which is presented yearly to a member who shows outstanding efforts within the organization; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman, Mr. Grayson was respected and beloved by many; after his retirement, he maintained his ties with his former co-workers and visited with them at the retirees' luncheons; in earlier days, he was a marathon runner, and in his later years, he enjoyed walks in Memorial Park; and

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

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WHEREAS, James Grayson was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever 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 James E. Grayson; 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 James Grayson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate