

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1243

In Memory
of
Duard Desmond Linam

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Dr. Duard Desmond Linam, who died April 9, 2011, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Duard Desmond Linam was born in Austin on November 13, 1919, the only child of Henry Lee Linam and Ola Hicks Linam; he was proud to be a fifth-generation Texan and a third-generation Austinite; his ancestors were original land grantees and settlers of Stephen F. Austin's Little Colony; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linam grew up in the middle-class neighborhoods of East Austin, attended Austin public schools, and graduated from Austin High School in 1937; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from what is now the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1944 and returned to his hometown and began working at the Austin Cat and Dog Hospital on East Fifth Street, eventually taking over the practice; except for the time he was called to active duty during the Korean War, he practiced veterinary medicine at that location for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linam's love for animals was evident in all parts of his life; he and a number of veterinarians and animal lovers came together to form the Austin and Travis County Humane Society in 1952; he served the society as a member of its board of directors and in other capacities over several decades and was recognized by the society as Life Emeritus Director in addition to receiving many other honors for his devoted service and significant contributions to the field; and

WHEREAS, He was a longtime active member of several professional veterinary organizations and strengthened the future of his field by employing high school students during their vacations and encouraging many young people to go into veterinary medicine; his work was acknowledged over the years with numerous awards and accolades, including feature stories in the *Austin American-Statesman*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linam was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his many friends, and all those whose lives he touched; 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. Duard Desmond Linam: his wife of more than 65 years, Dorothy Mason Linam; his daughters and son-in-law, Linda Linam and Sharon and Frank Holder; his four grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren; 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. Duard Desmond Linam.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate