

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

In Memory  
of  
Henry Edgar Hammack

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of Henry Edgar Hammack, who died May 19, 2013, at the age of 84; and

**WHEREAS**, Hank Hammack was born to Gladys and George Hammack in 1928 in Kansas City, Kansas; he grew up in Washington and graduated from high school in Richland, Washington; he served the nation with distinction as a radio operator with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, He earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Washington School of Drama and a doctorate in theater from Tulane University; in 1957, he joined the faculty at Texas Christian University, where he taught for 37 years until his retirement in 1994 as professor emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the course of his career at Texas Christian University, Dr. Hammack was involved in virtually every facet of the discipline of theater, from scenery and costume design to directing and acting; he was a true renaissance man, and the diversity of the courses he taught was remarkable; his courses included introduction to theater, literature and criticism, theater lighting, and all levels of acting; he also served as chairman of the department several times; and

**WHEREAS**, His longtime experience as an actor included more than 40 stage productions, numerous television commercials, and several industrial and feature films; he was in much demand as a lecturer on the subjects of film and theater history; and

**WHEREAS**, He was an active member of University Christian Church, where he served as a deacon, an elder, and a member of the choir; he played a prominent role in the creation of the church's annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a man of many talents who gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his warmth, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry Hammack was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Henry Edgar Hammack; 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 Henry Hammack.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 12, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate