

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

In Memory
of
Charles Clayton Wilson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of Charles "Bud" Clayton Wilson, who died December 23, 2012, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, A fourth-generation Texan, Mr. Wilson was born October 24, 1926, in a home built by his grandfather, William G. Ellis, Sr., a venerable civic leader; Mr. Wilson would later follow in his family's footsteps and become a dedicated community servant; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, he attended Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth; shortly after graduation, he joined the United States Merchant Marine and saw combat in both the European and Pacific theaters in World War II; after his valiant service, he returned to his hometown and resumed work for the Texas & Pacific Railroad, where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, While stationmaster for the railway, Mr. Wilson claimed the distinction of having flagged out the final Missouri Pacific passenger train from Fort Worth; his devotion to the railroad continued later in Retired Railroader Association monthly breakfast meetings; Mr. Wilson was also a proponent of veterans rights and a member of the Just Compensation Committee, an organization founded to protect the benefits of combat Merchant Marines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson, who passed away in the house in which he was born, shared 62 years of wedded bliss with Ova May Davis Wilson, and the couple raised two children; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage and strength, Mr. Wilson gave generously to others, and he will long be remembered for his warmth, wisdom, and wise counsel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend condolences to the family of Charles "Bud" Clayton Wilson; 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 Charles Wilson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate