

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 242

In Memory
of
James Moore West

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of James Moore West, who died January 25, 2013, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West was a man of diverse interests and accomplishments; he loved travel and literature and had a passion for both the humanities and the sciences, with an affinity for engineering that served him exceedingly well throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Born July 12, 1923, Mr. West attended Paschal High School in Fort Worth and The Citadel Military Academy, but his college studies were interrupted by the outbreak of war; he enlisted in the United States Army and attained a commission as an infantry officer, and in 1945 he married his childhood sweetheart, Pauline, in Fort Worth before leaving for overseas service; and

WHEREAS, After serving admirably in World War II, Mr. West returned home and earned a civil engineering degree from The University of Texas at Austin; he was soon hired by Standard Oil of California, and over the next 36 years lived in Colorado, Louisiana, and Texas and traveled extensively for the company; he was also awarded two patents for pipeline designs that are still used worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. West undertook many travels together; they enjoyed hiking trips in New Zealand, driving jaunts through Europe, and various ocean cruises in their later years; and

WHEREAS, Inseparable and devoted, James and Pauline West shared 68 years of life and love; they raised two children, Thomas and Josephine, and took great pride in their extended family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West was an innovative and creative man who loved to design and tinker; a licensed amateur radio operator who built his own ham radio and a color television set, he also had a strong interest in aviation and obtained his private pilot's license, built his own airplane, and logged more than 1,000 miles in the air over the course of a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West was known for his fine memory, his sharp wit, and his warmth and wisdom; he will be deeply missed, and his family and friends will forever cherish the time they shared; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Moore West; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them 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 West.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 19, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate