

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 271

In Memory  
of  
O. J. Blakey

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of O. J. Blakey, who died January 27, 2013, at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS,** O. J. Blakey was born August 6, 1930, in Savoy; after his 1947 graduation from Savoy High School, he earned a bachelor's degree from East Texas State University and pursued postgraduate studies at Midwestern State University; and

**WHEREAS,** He served the nation with distinction as a member of the United States Air Force in the Korean War; following his military service, he worked for 10 years as a civilian engineer at Shepard Air Force Base, where he focused his efforts on projects associated with satellites and the space race; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Blakey then embarked on a 31-year career with the company that became the Lockheed Martin Corporation; his work on numerous weapons programs played a role in the nation's safety and security during the Cold War; and

**WHEREAS,** A devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, Mr. Blakey was a longtime member of Tate Springs Baptist Church, where he served as deacon chairman, trustee, finance and drama committee member, and Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher; and

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**WHEREAS,** A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his generous spirit, his love of the outdoors, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of O. J. Blakey; 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 O. J. Blakey.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate