SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 850

In Memory
of
Bannister Luther DeBerry

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Bannister Luther DeBerry, who died November 10, 2011, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Luther DeBerry was born May 7, 1914, in Bogata, Texas; he married his wife of 63 years, the late Pauline Allen DeBerry, on Christmas Day in 1937, and the couple raised a daughter, Nancy, who was a source of much pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBerry earned a degree in civil engineering from The University of Texas at Austin in 1937 and soon began a long and productive career with the Texas Department of Transportation; he took a leave of absence to serve the nation with the United States Corps of Engineers and the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. DeBerry returned to state service and held a series of increasingly responsible positions, culminating in his being named State Highway Engineer in 1973; he received numerous accolades over the course of his career, including the Thomas H. McDonald Memorial Award, the George Bartlett Award, and induction into the Hall of Honor at the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, He was a man of courage, generosity, and strength, and his wisdom, his dedication, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by his family and 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 Bannister Luther DeBerry; 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 Bannister Luther DeBerry.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate