

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 859

In Memory
of
Carroll Wright Collins

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of Carroll Wright Collins, who died April 12, 2013, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Collins was born January 4, 1931, in Fort Worth to Joe and Harriet Sargeant Wright Collins; he attended Paschal High School and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin; he served the nation with distinction as a member of the United States Navy and retired with the rank of lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he returned to Fort Worth and joined his uncle, Lucien H. Wright, in the insurance industry; he purchased his uncle's insurance agency in 1972, and it thrived under his leadership and continues to flourish today; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and innate generosity, he became involved with numerous philanthropic and civic organizations; he was an ardent supporter of the Van Cliburn Piano Competition, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, and the Fort Worth Opera; he also helped to found the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, and the institute's reception room is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was particularly interested in historical renovation and was a member of the Irish Georgian Society, which was dedicated to restoring and maintaining examples of Georgian architecture in Ireland; he and his longtime

friend, Joe Minton, renovated a historic residence with such grandeur that it was featured in *Southern Accents* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Known for his gregarious and engaging personality, Mr. Collins entertained frequently at the River Crest Country Club and the Fort Worth Club, and he occasionally was host to several foreign dignitaries; he was a lifelong member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, A man of strength and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his courage in the face of a debilitating handicap and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by his family and countless 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 Carroll Wright Collins; 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 Carroll Collins.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate