

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 861

In Memory  
of  
Edward Keith Averitte

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of Edward Keith Averitte, who died April 14, 2013, at the age of 85; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Averitte was born May 13, 1927, in Fort Worth; a graduate of R. L. Paschal High School, he served the nation with distinction in the United States Navy during World War II; after his military service, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Christian University; and

**WHEREAS**, He enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as an educator; he began his career at the Masonic Home and School, where he was a teacher and a coach; he went on to serve the Fort Worth Independent School District for 30 years as a teacher, coach, counselor, vice principal, and principal; and

**WHEREAS**, After his retirement from the field of education, he entered the field of agriculture; he managed his family's farming interests and found fulfillment in an occupation that reflected his deep-seated love of the land; he was supported in all his endeavors by his late wife, Betty Ann, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Averitte was active in a variety of civic and philanthropic organizations, notably the Boy Scouts of America, for which he served more than 50 years; he established a nationally recognized training program for adult Scout leaders, and he was a recipient of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith was also a member of Hemphill Heights Masonic Lodge 1164, the Moslah Temple, and the Texas State Teachers Association; he served as president of the Fort Worth Counselors Association and of his local Kiwanis Club, and he was lieutenant governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International; he was a Sunday school teacher and a ruling elder at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church before joining Saint Philip Presbyterian Church; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Averitte 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 Edward Keith Averitte; and, be it further

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**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 Keith Averitte.

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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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate