

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

In Memory  
of  
William Riley Boyd Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of William Riley Boyd Jr., who died June 2, 2013, at the age of 96; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Boyd was born on February 24, 1917, in Houston, Mississippi; he graduated from Houston High School in 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, In May of 1937, he was offered an apprenticeship in road and highway construction by the Corsicana-based contracting firm of E. W. Hable and Sons, and five years later, he married the love of his life, Tim Barton; in 1945, he organized W. R. Boyd, Incorporated, and his company soon became a prime contractor for the Texas Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Boyd was a distinguished leader in his field, and in 1969, he was elected president of the Texas Highway-Heavy Branch of the Associated General Contractors; at the time, the branch was responsible for 95 percent of the highway construction in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, He served on numerous state committees, was a highly respected community leader, and was president of both the Texas Good Roads Transportation Association and the Texas Asphalt Paving Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Boyd was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William Riley Boyd Jr.; 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 William Riley Boyd Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 18, 2015,  
by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate