

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 306

In Memory
of
Joel Mark Selber

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Joel Mark Selber, who died February 14, 2015, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Joel Selber was born on February 19, 1932, in Houston, to Joseph and Gertrude Selber; after attending Lamar High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War; he rose to the rank of sergeant and served in the Strategic Air Command under the leadership of General Curtis LeMay; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Selber attended the University of Houston, where he was a founding member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and played on the football team; he earned his degree from Midwestern University; and

WHEREAS, He worked for a time in Houston before moving to Austin in 1964 and beginning a 16-year career with Tracor, Incorporated; during his tenure with the company, he played an important role in the development of numerous military defense and commercial product lines before joining General Dynamics in San Diego, California, and leading the production of the Tomahawk cruise missile; and

WHEREAS, He later returned to his native Texas and established a number of successful companies that provided excellent product development and manufacturing services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Selber was an avid outdoorsman and an early member of the Austin Yacht Club; in keeping with his lifelong dedication to supporting the nation's military, he and his beloved wife, Dr. Katherine Chism Selber, established the Michael Davis Emergency Scholarship for Student Veterans at Texas State University; and

WHEREAS, He was a man of courage, strength, and compassion who gave generously to others, and his devotion to his country and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was devoted to his wife, Katherine, and his children, Stephanie, Gregory, and William, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joel Mark Selber; 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 Joel Mark Selber.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate