

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 405

In Memory
of
E. V. Niemeyer

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of E. V. "Vic" Niemeyer, who died March 1, 2015, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, Vic Niemeyer was born on September 28, 1919, in Houston; he grew up in La Porte and attended Schreiner Institute and the United States Naval Academy before attending The University of Texas and earning a degree in 1941; and

WHEREAS, He served the nation with distinction as a submarine officer in the United States Navy during World War II; he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and was present in Tokyo Bay for the September 2, 1945, surrender of Japanese forces; and

WHEREAS, After the war, he entered the field of agriculture for a time but returned to The University of Texas to earn a master's degree in Latin American Studies; he went on to earn a doctorate from the university in 1958; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, polio claimed his first wife, Dorothea Hasskarl; he married Lala Acosta in 1958, and they enjoyed 57 years of marriage together; he was blessed with four children, nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, He worked for 24 years with the United States Information Agency and served in Spanish-speaking countries around the world, including Honduras, Peru, Guatemala, the Philippines, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Niemeyer returned to Austin after his retirement from federal service and worked in the Institute of Latin American Studies and the International Office at The University of Texas; he was the author of two books on Mexican history; and

WHEREAS, He was active in several service organizations and cofounded the East Austin Rotary Club; he received Rotary International's Service Above Self award for his work in organizing the transfer of 4,000 pieces of school furniture from Del Valle to Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, for use in the area's schools; the Mexican government awarded him its prestigious Ohtli Award for his service to Mexico and the Mexican community; and

WHEREAS, Vic Niemeyer was a man of strength and compassion who gave unselfishly to others; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of E. V. Niemeyer; 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 Vic Niemeyer.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate