

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 498

In Memory
of
John V. Singleton

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of the Honorable John V. Singleton, who died March 20, 2015, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, John Singleton was born on March 20, 1918, in Kaufman; he enriched the lives of all who knew him and was known for his integrity, his kindness, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; he became a highly regarded United States district judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Singleton joined the United States Navy in 1942 and served with distinction as a gunnery officer aboard the *U.S.S. Dempsey* during World War II; while on patrol, he helped lead efforts to rescue three downed United States Marine pilots near the Saint Matthias Islands; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Mr. Singleton began practicing law in the trial department of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman and Bates; he started his own firm in 1954 and soon became a key player in Democratic politics; and

WHEREAS, He was a regional coordinator for the Lyndon Johnson presidential campaign in 1964, and he was appointed to the federal bench by President Johnson in 1966; during his 27 years as a United States judge, he oversaw criminal and civil cases that were seldom overturned in the appeals process; he was known as a champion for the downtrodden and is credited with transitioning his courthouse and the Southern Judicial District into the computer age; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Singleton was the devoted husband of Jane Singleton; after her death, he married Patsy Singleton, and they shared 11 years of happiness; he was a highly respected professional and a beloved member of his community, and he will long be remembered with deep admiration 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 the Honorable John V. Singleton; 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 John Singleton.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate