

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

In Memory
of
James W. Vaughan

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of James W. Vaughan of Clarksville, who died on May 29, 2017, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, "Buddy" Vaughan was born in Clarksville on October 15, 1921, to Mack and Aretta Hart Vaughan; he graduated from Clarksville High School in 1938 and attended Paris Junior College, where he was student council president and participated in track and tennis; he also discovered a lifelong passion for flying at Paris Junior College and went on to take advanced flight instruction at Love Field in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Vaughan served in the United States Navy as a combat pilot aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Shangri-La*; after the war, he flew with the Naval Reserve while attending North Texas State University and The University of Texas at Austin; he returned to active duty during the Korean War, testing air-to-air missiles as a jet pilot; and

WHEREAS, Leaving the navy at the rank of lieutenant commander, Mr. Vaughan returned to Clarksville, where he owned an insurance agency and then served as manager of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce, as personnel director of the Baker and Taylor Company, and as personnel director and company pilot for Piggly Wiggly; he worked as a personnel consultant until his retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan was president of the local Rotary Club and chamber of commerce, secretary of the Red River County Industrial Foundation, and a member of the Agricultural Improvement Association; he played a leading role in the development of the industrial park, the county airport, and the Langford Lake project; he was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, and the McKenzie Memorial United Methodist Church; in 1985, he received the George F. Sunkel Award for his outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Vaughan enjoyed the love and support of his wife, the former Joan Sims, with whom he shared six decades of marriage; they were the proud parents of two children, James Vaughan Jr. and Clare Vaughan Rainey, and over the years, Mr. Vaughan had the pleasure of welcoming two grandchildren, Chris and Jennifer, and four great-grandchildren, Madison, Cason, Cash, and Channing, into his family; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated community leader and proud military veteran, Buddy Vaughan lived a rich and purposeful life, and he will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of James W. Vaughan and extend condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Buddy Vaughan.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate