

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

In Memory  
of  
Emil Eugene Ogden

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Emil Eugene Ogden, who died July 25, 2017, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Emil Ogden was born on September 15, 1927, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, to Homer and Mary Ogden; he served the country with distinction in the armed forces during World War II, and he graduated magna cum laude at the age of 60 from Texas A&M University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ogden married Clementine Theresa Lindeman on September 23, 1947, and the couple enjoyed more than 69 years of marriage together; their children, Stephen, Mary Katherine, Paul, Michael, Joseph, and Laura, and their 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

**WHEREAS**, He enjoyed a long and successful career as an independent oilman; he was a true wildcatter who never allowed a dry hole to dim his enthusiasm for the business, and he was instrumental in developing the Bryan Woodbine field; he served for a time as president of the West Texas Oil and Gas Association and as vice chair of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ogden was committed to giving back to his community and was active in a wide range of civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Brazos Valley Symphony Society, the Boy Scouts of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4692, and the Brazos Valley Boys and Girls Club; and

**WHEREAS**, His long record of public service included time on the Abilene City Council, duty as a Brazos County Sheriff's Office reserve criminal investigations deputy, and membership on the United States Foreign Investment Advisory Committee, the Texas Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, the Texas A&M University Health Science Center Foundation, and the Director's Circle of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Catholic who practiced his faith in his daily life, he was a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station; he was a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus and held numerous offices in the organization; he was a Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and was awarded the Holy Trinity Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a man of courage, strength, and resolve who gave unselfishly to others, and his engaging personality, his intellectual curiosity, and his enthusiasm for living each day to

the fullest will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in his life; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Emil Eugene Ogden; 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 Emil Ogden.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate