

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

In Memory
of
John William Foster

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of John William Foster of Texarkana on July 26, 2017, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, The son of John and Gertie Foster, "Jake" Foster was born on July 29, 1921, in Blevins, Arkansas, where he graduated from high school; with the onset of World War II, he joined the United States Marines and proudly served his country as a machine gunner in Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tinian, and Saipan, earning a Purple Heart for his valorous service; he went on to enjoy a rewarding career with Midwest Dairy in Bowie County that spanned three decades, and he later worked as an assistant building superintendent for the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Foster was ordained as a deacon in 1966 and was a congregant of First Baptist Church Texarkana; he further gave of his time and talents as a member of the Evening Kiwanis Club, and he found fulfillment in working in his yard, gardening, and assisting loved ones with building projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was a devoted husband to his wife, Janette, and over the course of their more than seven decades together, the couple were blessed with a fine family that included 2 daughters, Sherry and Debbie, a son-in-law, Blaine, and 5 grandchildren, Steve, Mike, Brian, Staci, and Micah, as well as 10 great-grandchildren, a great-great-granddaughter, 4

step-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren, and 6 step-great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Jake Foster sought out ways to help others, and although he will be deeply missed, he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and generosity that will continue to inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of John William Foster and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; 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 Jake Foster.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate