

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 220

In Memory  
of  
Billy Pat Martin

**WHEREAS**, A life filled with meaningful accomplishments drew to a close with the passing of Billy Pat Martin of Daingerfield on July 3, 2016, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Sulphur Bluff on June 22, 1927, to Murley and Kate Martin, Bill Martin grew up with the companionship of his sister, the late LaVerne Martin Hicks; he married the love of his life, Betty Lynn Dalby, on July 10, 1953, in what was the first wedding held in the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Daingerfield; the proud father of two sons, Billy John and Walter Lee, he later saw his family grow to include four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Martin served in the United States Army near the end of World War II; he went on to work for Lone Star Steel Company, and he was co-owner of Martin's General Merchandise, Martin's Auto Parts, and Martin's Tax and Bookkeeping Service, continuing his productive work life until retiring at the age of 87; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted family man, a proud veteran, and a dedicated business owner, Bill Martin leaves behind a legacy 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, hereby pay tribute to the life of Billy Pat Martin and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Betty; to his sons, Billy John Martin and his wife, Jackie, and Walter Lee Martin and his wife, Jill; to his grandchildren, Paul and Brian Martin, Terry Runk, and Nichole Waddill; to his great-grandchildren, Caytlyn and William Jack Martin, Graci and Maggie Runk, and Ashten and Maylee Waddill; and to his other relatives 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 Bill Martin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate