

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 240

In Memory
of
Shelby H. Carter Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Shelby H. Carter Jr., who died on January 25, 2017, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Carter was born on March 23, 1931, in Brooklyn, New York; he received a scholarship to attend the McDonogh School, a military academy near Baltimore; it was there that he met the love of his life and his wife of 63 years, Pat, and they raised six children together and were blessed with 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, He earned a degree from The University of Texas at Austin, where he joined the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps and qualified for Marine Platoon Leaders Class; he went on to serve with distinction in the United States Marine Corps, and his duties included time as an aide-de-camp to General Edward W. Snedeker of the Second Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he began a long and distinguished career in business and education; he worked for IBM and Xerox, and his drive and innovative attitude resulted in his being called one of the country's 10 greatest salespersons; and

WHEREAS, He retired from Xerox as a corporate vice-president in 1985 and moved to Austin, where he took a position as an adjunct professor at The University of Texas at Austin and became a widely respected and highly sought-after instructor; his many honors included Outstanding Professor in the Graduate School of Business, the Texas Excellence Teaching award, and induction into the university's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, He cofounded the pioneering computer networking firm Synoptics, which became a Fortune 500 company, and he served as an advisory partner and board member for multiple technology companies; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife were committed to education, and they established scholarships at the McDonogh School and Nazareth College; they also founded the Pat and Shelby Carter Athletic Center at Saint Michael's Academy and the Pat and Shelby Carter Endowment for Educational Excellence at The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and determination, he gave unselfishly to others, and his generous spirit, his wry sense of humor, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

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WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Shelby H. Carter Jr.; 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 Shelby Carter.

Watson

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate