

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 324

In Memory
of
Billy Ray Clark

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Conroe in mourning the loss of Billy Ray "Wild Bill" Clark, who died February 7, 2017, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Billy Ray Clark was born on December 28, 1930, in Timpson, Texas, and he grew up in Conroe; he was a star athlete in high school who excelled in both track and football, and he was known for his quick wit and his winning smile and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Bill continued his academic career at Navarro College until he answered the call to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War; he served with distinction as a drill sergeant and was honored with the Bronze Star and numerous other service medals; and

WHEREAS, When the war ended, Bill returned to Conroe to work in the oil fields, and he continued on this career path by engaging in more challenging work in South Texas; he retired from the oil industry as a drilling superintendent for Richards Drilling after 30 years in the field; and

WHEREAS, Soon after his retirement, Bill returned to Conroe to begin a business career with his son at Clark's Country Stores in the Grangerland community; he retired a second time in the mid-1990s to spend his time hunting, fishing, playing dominoes, and gardening, and he became known for growing enormous watermelons that weighed as much as 80 pounds; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Clark was a devoted father and grandfather who was beloved throughout the community, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by 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 Billy Ray Clark; 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 Billy Ray Clark.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate