

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 381

In Memory
of
Cleo Weldon Bay Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Killeen in mourning the loss of Cleo Weldon Bay Sr., who died July 24, 2016, at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, Cleo Bay was born on June 21, 1920, along Cowhouse Creek in Bell County; he was a prominent businessman and an active civic leader in Killeen, and he was admired for his many contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Bay served with distinction as a tank commander in the European Theater, and he earned a Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious achievements while in combat; after the war, he returned to Killeen to join his father and brothers in operating a chain of local grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, Continuing on a path of business leadership, Mr. Bay opened his first automotive dealership, Bay Long Oldsmobile GMC, in 1968, and in the ensuing years, he became a prominent leader in the Killeen automotive market; among his many endeavors, he opened Bay Long Toyota, Killeen Chrysler Plymouth, and Cleo Bay Honda, and he maintained involvement in several of his dealerships until 2012; and

WHEREAS, An enthusiastic servant of the community, Mr. Bay was involved with numerous civic and charitable organizations; he was proud to have served as president of the Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and he played an integral role in bringing Central Texas College to the area; in 2010, he was honored with a Golden

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Deeds Award by the Exchange Club of Killeen for his many civic contributions and his commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband and father and a highly respected member of the community, Cleo Bay was admired by many, 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 Cleo Weldon Bay Sr.; 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 Cleo Weldon Bay Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate