

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 699

In Memory
of
Thomas Paul Moore Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Waco in mourning the loss of Thomas Paul Moore Jr., who died on April 16, 2017, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Waco resident, Tom Moore was born on May 16, 1918; he was one of the many descendants of Dr. Thomas Moore, a Kentucky physician who settled in Waco in 1870; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore earned his law degree from Baylor University in 1943, and he went on to serve in the United States Army; he met Natalie Barlow while attending military government school in Princeton, New Jersey, and the couple married in June of 1944, just before he was assigned to serve in Japan; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Mr. Moore was elected to serve as the McLennan County district attorney; he was known for his powerful oratorical skills, and during his eight-year tenure, he served as prosecutor for several notable cases, including the first televised trial in Texas history; he maintained a private general civil and criminal defense practice in Waco from 1960 until 2014, and he was known as a fervent civil rights and organized labor supporter who believed in open government and equal access to power for all citizens; he never turned down a client, regardless of their ability to pay for his representation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1967; he served through three legislative sessions and was a leader of the "Dirty Thirty," a bipartisan group of House members who called for the investigation into what became known as the Sharpstown Scandal; the investigation ultimately led to a conviction of the Speaker of the House and to the passage of significant reform measures by the legislature in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Tom and his wife, Natalie Moore, were blessed with three children, Margaret Moore, Elizabeth Harris, and Thomas Paul Moore III; Natalie passed away in 1982; Tom married Robbie Farek in 1984, and by this marriage, he was blessed with another son, Grant Farek; he loved his family beyond all measure, and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were a source of immense pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Tom Moore was a man of deep faith who was noted for his delightful sense of humor, his keen intellect, and the joy he took in living each day to the fullest; he contributed greatly to his community and his state, and he will long be remembered with deep respect and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Thomas Paul Moore 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 Tom Moore.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate