

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 799

In Memory  
of  
Howard Payne Coghlan

**WHEREAS**, The city of Longview lost an admired attorney and civic leader with the passing of Howard Payne Coghlan on September 15, 2016, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Born to Emma and Jack Coghlan in Shreveport, Louisiana, on April 14, 1927, Howard Coghlan grew up in Marshall and Longview; a member of the Longview High School Class of 1944, he served in the Texas State Guard during World War II, and he went on to enlist in the United States Coast Guard; following his military service, he attended Kilgore College, distinguishing himself as president of the student body, the Veterans Club, and the Future Lawyers Club; he later earned a law degree at Southern Methodist University, where he was a member of the Order of the Barristers and the Kappa Alpha Order; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed Texan enjoyed a long and successful career as an attorney in the oil and gas industry; he was a director of the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company and chair of the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Section of the State Bar of Texas; moreover, he was vice chair of the Texas State Bar Presidents, editor of the *Southwestern Law Journal*, and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Active in his community, Mr. Coghlan served as a member of the Texas State Historical Commission, the Texas Historical Foundation board, and the LeTourneau University board, chair of the Longview centennial celebration, director of Longview Bank and Trust, and president of the Jaycees, the local Rotary Club, and the chamber of commerce; his myriad commendable efforts in behalf of his fellow residents included helping to establish the Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center; he was also a valued congregant of First United Methodist Church of Longview for more than six decades; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his significant contributions to Longview and the East Texas region, Mr. Coghlan was presented with numerous accolades, including three Paul Harris Fellowships from the Rotary Club, the President's Award from the chamber of commerce, and the Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Gregg County Legal Secretaries Association; additionally, an oil derrick in Kilgore was named in his honor in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coghlan shared 65 years of marriage with Dr. Peggy Coghlan, and he was further blessed with a son, Kelly, a daughter, Katie, and a beloved grandson, Kelly Jack; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected for his generosity, kindness, and integrity by all who knew him, Howard Coghlan lived a caring and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Howard Payne Coghlan and extend heartfelt sympathy to his 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 Howard Coghlan.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2017, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate