

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 886

In Memory
of
Julian E. Kastrop

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Julian E. Kastrop of Longview, who passed away on April 22, 2017, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Born in Sealy on September 29, 1918, "Hank" Kastrop was raised in San Antonio and Houston; in 1941, he earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, and he subsequently went to work for Humble Oil; during World War II, he received an officer's commission in the Naval Reserve, and he served for three years in the Pacific theater, rising to the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Kastrop became engineering editor of *World Oil* magazine, and in 1955, he was appointed editor of *Petroleum Engineer International* magazine; during his 21-year tenure with that journal, he published numerous highly regarded technical papers on worldwide oil and gas operations, and he was a popular speaker on international oil and gas forecasts; in 1975, Mr. Kastrop joined Hydroseal Valve Company as a partner with his brother, Robert, who founded the enterprise; he played a key role in developing pressure-relief valves for the company and helped to grow the business into an international concern before retiring in 1988 as executive vice president; over the course of his distinguished career, Mr. Kastrop served as president of the International Petroleum Writers Association, as an officer of the Petroleum Engineers Club of Dallas, and as a board member of the Engineers Club of Dallas; he was also a lifelong member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan moved to Longview in 1976 and became an active member of that community; in addition to assisting with the organization of a homeowners association, he established a neighborhood volunteer fire department in 1978 and served as chief for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kastrop was joined in matrimony for 49 years to Alice Middleton, and after her passing, he was fortunate enough to find love again with Shirley H. Kastrop, to whom he was married for 17 years, until her death in 2008; he was the loving father of two sons, Kye and Kenneth, as well as an affectionate stepfather to Joanne Abernathy and Lucy Maxwell; over the years, he was blessed with two granddaughters, Kristin and Kourtney, and three step-grandchildren, Cassandra, Justin, and Jacob; and

WHEREAS, Hank Kastrop lived a life rich in personal and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; 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 Julian E. Kastrop and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family 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 Hank Kastrop.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate