

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

In Memory
of
Joseph Merrel Crawford

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Joseph Merrel Crawford of Quitman on November 17, 2018, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, The son of Joseph Angelo and Virgie Crawford, Joseph Crawford was born on August 17, 1924, in the Dry Creek community in Hunt County, and he grew up with the companionship of eight siblings, Vera, Edna, Elsie, Ercy, Ovela, Emmitt, Marlin, and Odess; and

WHEREAS, Coming of age during World War II, Mr. Crawford served his country as an electrical specialist with the United States Army Air Corps, working on B-17 bombers; he enjoyed a civilian career as a tooling inspector at LTV and designed the elevator mockup for the space shuttle before retiring in 1980; a man of many talents, he also found success as a realtor, and he was a self-taught welder and built trailers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Ann Crawford, that spanned more than half a century; he took great pride in his four children, Pamela, Joseph, Kenneth, and Jerry, and with the passing years, he was further blessed with seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having lived in the Dallas area for many years, Mr. Crawford settled in Quitman in 2002; he was a 32nd degree Mason and a valued member of the First United Methodist Church in

Quitman; in his leisure time, he liked to play cards and go hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to share in this esteemed man's love and friendship will always remember him with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Joseph Merrel Crawford and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joseph Merrel Crawford.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 16, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate