

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 417

In Memory
of
M. V. Hudson Jr.

WHEREAS, The citizens of New London were deeply saddened by the loss of M. V. Hudson Jr., a longtime volunteer firefighter and public servant of the community, who died of injuries sustained in the line of duty on March 10, 2018, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born in Henderson on December 16, 1931, to Vanous and Essie Mae Hudson, M. V. Hudson grew up with the companionship of three brothers, Jack, James, and Pete, and four sisters, Betty, Patsy, Ruby, and Jan; as a young man, he answered his nation's call to duty and spent two years in the United States Army during the Korean War; returning stateside, he worked as a truck driver for a hometown business, Dickie's Work Clothes Rental, for a time before beginning a lengthy career with Texas Eastman in Longview; he also served with the Texas Eastman Volunteer Fire Department until his retirement from the company at age 62; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson was a proud member of the New London Volunteer Fire Department for four and a half decades; he greatly enjoyed being a part of the New London community, and he served for several years as the city's mayor, a time that held fond memories for him; in addition, he was a man of strong faith and a valued congregant of Arp Assembly of God Church; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with a loving family, Mr. Hudson shared 60 years of marriage with his wife, Johnnie Ellen Hudson, and he

cherished his children, Vanessa, Gwen, Dee, Ronnie, and the late Rickey Lynn Johnson; he was also devoted to his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he often regaled with colorful stories about his past experiences; and

WHEREAS, M. V. Hudson Jr. is profoundly missed by all who were privileged to share in the richness of his life, and his contributions to his community will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of M. V. Hudson Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; 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 M. V. Hudson Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate