

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

**In Memory
of
Orland Harold Harris**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins citizens across the state in mourning the loss of Orland Harold "Ike" Harris, an esteemed statesman, who died July 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 5, 1932, Ike Harris became a highly respected public servant whose trailblazing leadership helped shape the course of modern politics in the Lone Star State; he will long be remembered for his many accomplishments and his legacy of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Ike earned a political science degree from the University of North Texas in 1954; he began his career of service as a member of the United States Air Force, and he distinguished himself as an instructor pilot and was discharged in 1957 with the rank of captain; he went on to earn a degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law in 1960, and he was admitted to the bar that same year; he was later admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1962, Ike Harris was one of the first Republicans to be elected as a state representative from Dallas County, and five years later, he became one of only two Republicans then serving in the Texas State Senate; and

WHEREAS, During his 27-year career as a senator, Ike was known for his willingness to cross party lines to advance policies that he believed benefited all Texans; he served as chairman of numerous committees and provided skilled leadership in such areas as the implementation of interstate banking and insurance reform, and he made history as the first Republican to be dean of the Senate; he helped carve a path for conservative leadership in Texas by serving as an advisor to William P. Clements during the 1978 gubernatorial race, which resulted in the first elected Republican Texas governor in 104 years; and

WHEREAS, Ike Harris was the proud father of two daughters, Wynn and Gillian, and the proud grandfather of Colby, William, Cash, and Hayden; he found great joy in cooking for his many friends and loved ones, and he cherished time spent with family on the Texas Gulf Coast beaches, especially those in Port Aransas; and

WHEREAS, Noted for his sharp mind, his amicable spirit, and his engaging sense of humor, Ike Harris was beloved by many, and he leaves behind memories that will long be treasured by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Orland Harold Harris; 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 Ike Harris.

Whitmire
Lucio

Nelson
Paxton

West
Zaffirini

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 22, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate