

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 209

In Memory
of
William Henry Peckham III

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of William Henry Peckham III, who died February 15, 2021, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a successful entrepreneur, and a generous philanthropist, Bill Peckham was an esteemed member of the community, and he enriched the lives of all who knew him through his conscientious civic example; and

WHEREAS, Bill Peckham was born in Houston on March 11, 1929; he married Harriett Carlton in 1950, and they raised four daughters on the family ranch in Richmond; he was blessed to find love again with Elizabeth "Sissy" Sparks, whom he married in 1968, and to this union his son was born; Bill and Sissy relocated to Round Rock in 1983; and

WHEREAS, During his long and colorful career, Mr. Peckham owned and operated such businesses as the West End Lumber Yard, the Hamm's Beer Distributing Company, and Round Rock Travel and Tours; he owned, bred, and raced some of the nation's greatest quarter horse sires at Peckhamhurst Farm in Kentucky, and he and Sissy opened the Commonwealth Race Course solely for quarter horse racing; he also formed the Sprint Racing Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bill Peckham contributed greatly to the Round Rock community, and he enjoyed traveling the world and building lasting memories with his family; he was a man of true vision, generosity, and grit, and he will long be remembered with

profound admiration 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William Henry Peckham III; 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 Bill Peckham.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate