

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 229

In Memory
of
Henry Bartell Zachry Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Henry Bartell Zachry Jr., who died June 10, 2020, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bartell Zachry was born in Laredo on August 21, 1933, and he grew up in San Antonio; he learned the value of hard work and civic responsibility in his early years, and at the age of 16, he earned his pilot's license; he followed in his father's footsteps and enrolled at Texas A&M University, where he studied civil engineering and served in the Corps of Cadets; he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and trained as a fighter pilot, and after his military service, he returned to San Antonio and joined his father's infrastructure company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zachry led a highly successful and rewarding 65-year career with the H.B. Zachry Company, and he became known as an outstanding leader in business and in the fields of engineering and construction; under his leadership, the company executed many monumental and historic projects in major cities in the United States and around the globe; such notable projects include San Antonio's Hilton Palacio del Rio hotel, multiple United States Embassies, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, Spain's first nuclear power plant, and the Paloma Dam in Chile; throughout his career, he received numerous accolades and industry awards for excellence, and in 2000, he was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zachry leaves behind an inspirational legacy of philanthropic service; he was dedicated to serving others, and his contributions to civic institutions and charitable organizations made a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals; he gave generously in support of public school systems of San Antonio and Laredo, and his contributions to his alma mater have helped to shape the university's engineering program and the field of civil engineering; in memory of his father, he funded two President's Endowed Scholarships at Texas A&M University, and in 2005, the university named the Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in honor of the Zachry family; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he shared 60 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Mollie Zachry; they were blessed with four children, John, David, Anne, and Ellen, and their 14 grandchildren enriched his life immeasurably; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zachry was an exceptionally accomplished citizen and was a distinguished leader in the construction industry and the field of civil engineering; he was noted for his integrity, his wisdom, his patience, and his generous spirit, and he will long be remembered with profound respect and 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 Henry Bartell Zachry Jr.; 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 Henry Bartell Zachry Jr.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate