

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 397

In Memory
of
Roy Quillin Minton

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Roy Quillin Minton, who died March 25, 2021, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Roy Minton was born on November 9, 1931, in Dallas, and he grew up in the University Park neighborhood until moving with his family to Denton in 1940; the tragic death of his father during his teenage years was a traumatic event after which Roy felt compelled to take a significant leadership role in his family; the sense of responsibility that ensued became a trait that he gladly embraced for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, After attending Schreiner College, Roy served the nation with distinction as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force and as a flight commander captain for the Texas Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, While a student at North Texas State University, he met and married the love of his life, Barbara LaJoy Francis, and they enjoyed nearly 65 years of marriage together; they were blessed with five children, David, Emily, Burton, Franklin, and Perry, and their 11 grandchildren and two great-grandsons were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

WHEREAS, A few years after starting their family, Roy and Barbara moved to Austin, and Roy graduated with honors from The University of Texas School of Law; he began his legal career by serving in the Travis County District Attorney's Office; in 1963, he established a law firm with Perry Jones that would later become Minton, Burton, Foster, and Collins; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Minton, Burton, Foster, and Collins became one of the premier criminal defense firms in Austin; it also became well known for representing many complex civil litigation matters; at the core of Roy's success in his fierce advocacy for his clients and friends was his epic skill as a strategist and a storyteller; the firm's downtown office was a noted gathering place for the city's high-profile citizens to discuss political strategy, legal counsel, and a wide variety of issues; and

WHEREAS, Roy Minton was an extraordinary lawyer and a man of courage, determination, and generosity who gave unselfishly to others; he was an avid outdoorsman, and his famous Fourth of July gatherings on the Guadalupe River will long be remembered with affection by all who were privileged to share in his life; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Roy Quillin Minton; 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 Roy Minton.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate