

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534

WHEREAS, White's Funeral Homes in Parker County was approved for an Official Texas Historical Marker on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, In 1908, Wayman Asbury White began selling coffins for Captain J. A. Kidd's general mercantile store in Springtown, and after moving to Poolville in 1913, he continued to specialize in selling coffins for another store; in 1914, he moved to Weatherford and established an undertaking business, and he was among the first in the area to adopt progressive new practices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White built a funeral home on Houston Avenue in Weatherford in 1930, and other members of his family joined in the business, including his brother, J. Herschel White, his son, Ford White, and his son-in-law, Morris Sands; a decade later, the funeral home became one of the first to sell burial insurance policies, and in the 1950s, it was among the first to offer an air-conditioned chapel; and

WHEREAS, In the years since, White's Funeral Homes has expanded to several more locations, and in 1980, it purchased the Memory Gardens of Valley Memorial Park along Mineral Wells Highway; today, the business remains in the White family, owned and operated by the grandson of W. A. White, Bob White, and his wife,Carolynn White, with the assistance of their daughter, Anita White, and their grandson, Zack Bellenger; in 2015, the business was accepted into the Texas Treasure Business Award Program, which recognizes businesses that have contributed to their community for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, the White family and their funeral homes have played a vital role in Parker County and the surrounding region, and recognition from the Texas Historical Commission pays well-deserved tribute to the business's long record of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate White's Funeral Homes on being approved for an Official Texas Historical Marker and extend to the White family and their employees sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for White's Funeral Homes as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate