

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

In Memory
of
E. F. Whitus

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of E. F. Whitus of Georgetown on June 22, 2023, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, The son of Ernest Whitus and Grace Ferguson Whitus, "Bo" Whitus was born in Golden on February 1, 1939, and he grew up with the companionship of a sister, Anita; during his youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and the Explorer Silver Award with the Boy Scouts of America, and he graduated with honors from Mineola High School; he went on to obtain an associate's degree and his real estate license from Tyler Junior College and to receive a bachelor's degree in business from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Whitus served in the United States Navy for more than two and a half decades, including six years in the reserve, and he retired at the rank of commander; along the way, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School for computer science, and after returning to civilian life, he earned a master's degree from The University of Texas at Tyler and a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitus enjoyed a rewarding career as an adjunct professor at TAMUC, and he co-owned the H&R Block franchise in Mineola until his second retirement in 2013; actively engaged in his community, he was a member of the Mineola City Council and the Mineola Independent School District Board of

Trustees and an enthusiastic advocate for the Mineola Nature Preserve; he was also a former mayor of Mineola; among his many achievements, he received two Paul Harris fellowships for his service to the local Rotary Club as well as a Silver Beaver award for his contributions to the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Whitus benefited from the love and support of his wife, Marysue, and he took great pride in his daughters, Cara and Jennifer, and his grandchildren, Jackson and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his community, and his country, Bo Whitus earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of E. F. "Bo" Whitus and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bo Whitus.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 19, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate