

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

In Memory
of
Jerry Garrison

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of Jerry Wade Garrison of Paris, Texas, who passed away on January 15, 2023, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, A fifth-generation Texan, Jerry Garrison was born in Unity on May 10, 1937, to Vollie and Allie Garrison, and he grew up with the companionship of six siblings, Bobbie, Thielen, Mary, Linda, Theda, and Vella; known for his strong work ethic, he helped support his family at a young age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison enjoyed a long and rewarding career at the John Kraft sesame seed factory in Paris that spanned nearly four decades; over the course of his tenure, he became a production manager and traveled the country in his signature Tony Lama boots and gray Stetson hat; after retiring from McCormick & Company in 1992, he raised cattle in Sumner and worked at Barney Bray's Receiving Station; in his leisure time, he loved fishing and watching the Texas Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Garrison married his high school sweetheart, the former Cora Mae Ashford, on March 23, 1957, and they were blessed with three children, Russell, Steven, and the late John Thomas; with the passing years, their family grew to include six grandchildren, Jeff, Nathanael, Jonathan, Jennifer, Grace, and Andrew, and eight great-grandchildren, Josephine, Khloe, Catherine, Azariah, Anna, Jane, Anastasia, and Gabriel; a man of deep faith, Mr. Garrison was a longtime member of Christian Fellowship Church; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his generosity, his dedication to his family, and his joyful spirit, Jerry Garrison lived a caring and purposeful life, and those who were fortunate enough to have known him will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jerry Wade Garrison and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Cora Mae Garrison; to his sons, Russell Garrison and his wife, Helen, and Steven Garrison and his wife, Kay; to his grandchildren, Jeff Garrison and his wife, Audrey, Nathanael, Jennifer, and Andrew Garrison, the Reverend Jonathan Garrison and his wife, Johanna, and Grace Underwood and her husband, Andrew; to his great-grandchildren; Josephine, Khloe, Catherine, Azariah, Anna, Jane, Anastasia, and Gabriel; to his sisters, Theda Owens and her husband, James, and Vella Risinger and her husband, Billy; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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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 Jerry Garrison.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate