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S.R. No. 22

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Shelton Bennet Cain of Hallsville, who passed away on
3 January 9, 2025, at the age of 96; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Hallsville, Shelton Cain was
5 born to Douglas and Virginia Cain on May 2, 1928, and he grew up with
6 two sisters, Janelle and Virginia; after graduating from Hallsville
7 High School in 1945, he was accepted into Texas A&M University; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1946, Mr. Cain enlisted in the U.S. Army,
9 embarking on a military career that would span nearly four and a
10 half decades with the army and the Texas National Guard Bureau; over
11 the course of his career, he distinguished himself as a military
12 personnel technician with the Texas National Guard and concluded
13 his active-duty service with the TXNG adjutant general at Camp
14 Mabry; he retired in 1988 at the rank of chief warrant officer 4,
15 and his awards included the World War II Victory Medal, the Armed
16 Forces Reserve Medal, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement
17 Medal; along the way, he earned an associate's degree in accounting
18 from Kilgore College; and

19 WHEREAS, Keenly interested in Civil War history, Mr. Cain
20 visited many battlefields from that conflict as well as Arlington
21 National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; moreover, he was actively
22 involved with the Noonday Holiness Camp, and he was a valued
23 congregant of Winterfield United Methodist Church in Longview; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cain was preceded in death by his first wife,

1 Betty Jean Rannels Cain; the couple shared a fulfilling marriage
2 that spanned 53 years, and they raised two children, Cathie and
3 Laura; fortunate enough to find love again, he wed Bonnie Dickard
4 Barker in 2002, and they spent nearly two decades together before
5 her passing in 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
7 country, Shelton Cain earned the lasting respect and admiration of
8 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
10 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Shelton Bennet
11 Cain and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family:
12 to his daughters, Cathie Cain and Laura Mahan and her husband,
13 Randy; to his sister, Virginia Ann Rhodes, and her husband, Larry;
14 to his grandson, Joseph Mark Morton, and his wife, Laura; to his
15 four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and
16 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
19 day, it do so in memory of Shelton Cain.