

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

In Memory
of
Kenneth Ward

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their memories of Kenneth Ray Ward of Sulphur Springs, who passed away on June 29, 2025, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, The son of J. V. and Gertie Ward, Kenneth Ward was born in Goldthwaite on March 18, 1930, and he grew up with the companionship of two brothers, G. W. and Wilbur Lee, and three sisters, Beatrice, Marcel, and Christine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ward graduated from Sulphur Springs High School, and he embarked on a long and rewarding career in the auto parts industry when he joined the staff of Merrell Chevrolet; he was also a valued member of First Baptist Sulphur Springs; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Ward benefited from the love and support of his wife, Marjorie, with whom he shared a fulfilling marriage that spanned nearly 75 years until her passing; he took great pride in their three daughters, Margaret, Jerry, and Jackie, and he had the privilege of seeing his family grow to include six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his strong work ethic, his devotion to his loved ones, and his unwavering faith, Kenneth Ward will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Kenneth Ray Ward and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Margaret Thomas, Jerry Burks Watkins

and her husband, Charlie, and Jackie O'Quinn and her husband, Danny; to his grandchildren, Mindy Thomas Fisher, Heather Thomas, Brandon Burks, Bradley Burks, Brian O'Quinn, and Julia O'Quinn; to his great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; 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 Kenneth Ward.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on September 4, 2025,
by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate