

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 595

In Memory
of
Willard Hill

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Willard Alvin Hill of Mineola, who passed away on April 14, 2025, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mary Lucille Clark Hill and William Lyle Hill, Will Hill was born in Smithville, Ohio, on February 14, 1940, and he grew up with four siblings, Arlene, Judy, Lyle, and Vicki; from 1962 to 1964, he proudly served his country as a private first class in the United States Army; he was stationed in Germany and earned recognition as a sharpshooter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was a loyal employee of Morton Salt from 1972 until his retirement in 2005, and he was admired by his colleagues for his integrity and strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Hill shared a fulfilling 59-year marriage with his wife, the former Claire Elaine Snell; the couple raised three treasured children, Brenda, Brian, and Sheila, and through the years, they were further blessed with six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was a valued member of his Baptist church, and he expressed his unwavering faith through countless kind acts; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed fishing, camping, tending to his garden, and relaxing with his dogs; most of all, he delighted in spending time with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Will Hill lived a full and generous life that was rich in the intangibles that matter most, and although he is deeply missed, he will remain a source of inspiration to all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Willard Alvin Hill and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Claire Elaine Hill; to his children, Brenda Letvak and her partner, Kevin Devore, Brian Hill, and Sheila Smith and her husband, Thomas; to his grandchildren, Bethany Hill, Justin Owens, Dakota Owens, Shelby Smith, Kendra Smith, and Gracie Owens; to his great-grandchildren, Landon Hatfield, Kayson Smith, and Adaleigh Gauldin; to his sister, Vicki Hill; and to his many 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 Will Hill.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate