

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 595

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was a loyal employee of Morton Salt from
11 1972 until his retirement in 2005, and he was admired by his
12 colleagues for his integrity and strong work ethic; and

13 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Hill shared a fulfilling
14 59-year marriage with his wife, the former Claire Elaine Snell; the
15 couple raised three treasured children, Brenda, Brian, and Sheila,
16 and through the years, they were further blessed with six
17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Will Hill lived a full and generous life that was
24 rich in the intangibles that matter most, and although he is deeply

1 missed, he will remain a source of inspiration to all who were
2 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
4 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Willard Alvin Hill and extend
5 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Claire
6 Elaine Hill; to his children, Brenda Letvak and her partner, Kevin
7 Devore, Brian Hill, and Sheila Smith and her husband, Thomas; to his
8 grandchildren, Bethany Hill, Justin Owens, Dakota Owens, Shelby
9 Smith, Kendra Smith, and Gracie Owens; to his great-grandchildren,
10 Landon Hatfield, Kayson Smith, and Adaleigh Gauldin; to his sister,
11 Vicki Hill; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
15 day, it do so in memory of Will Hill.