

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 653

In Memory  
of  
Gene Welch

**WHEREAS**, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on April 11, 2025, with the passing of Gene Welch of Wake Village at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene Welch was born to Clyde and Dorothy Welch on October 19, 1934, in Rolla, Missouri, and grew up sharing in the companionship of his two sisters, Patricia and Sharon; at the age of 14, he embarked on a successful career as a truck driver, and he continued to work in the industry until his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Welch served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; after returning to civilian life, he maintained his connection with the military as president of the Korean War Veterans Association and as a member of the VFW and the American Legion; and

**WHEREAS**, Valuing family above all else, Mr. Welch shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Martha, that spanned 67 years, and he took great pride in their children, Mitch, Don, and Kimberly; through the years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers and taking part in outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and camping; and

**WHEREAS**, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his country, Gene Welch earned the lasting respect and admiration of 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 life of Gene Welch and extend sincere condolences to his 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 Gene Welch.

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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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate