

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.

Hughes

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