

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the
3 citizens of Austin and Childress in mourning the loss of the
4 Honorable William Lawrence Ehrle, Sr., who died November 29, 2002,
5 at the age of 69; and

6 WHEREAS, A descendant of German immigrants, Will Ehrle was
7 born December 11, 1932, in Colorado City; his mother was a
8 schoolteacher, and after the family moved to Childress, his father
9 became a dairy farmer; and

10 WHEREAS, Will was a cum laude graduate of McMurry College in
11 Abilene, where he majored in government and English; he served in
12 the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, and he earned a
13 degree from The University of Texas School of Law in 1961; he
14 enjoyed a happy marriage to Sandy Luckey Ehrle for 40 years, and the
15 couple was blessed with three children; and

16 WHEREAS, A three-term member of the State Legislature, Mr.
17 Ehrle served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1957 to
18 1962; during his tenure, he was known as an outstanding orator and
19 became famous for his leadership in passing legislation that
20 mandated the state's first sales tax; the tax bill is considered one
21 of the most significant bills ever passed by the Texas Legislature;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the legislature, Mr.
24 Ehrle served as assistant general counsel for the Lone Star Gas

1 Company in Dallas; he also served as president and chief executive
2 officer for Coaches of America Life Insurance Company in Dallas and
3 El Paso, and he engaged in the private practice of law in Austin;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ehrle was named president and general counsel
6 for the Texas Manufactured Housing Association in 1978, a position
7 he held until his retirement in 2001; through his vision and
8 innovative concepts, he guided the organization through a turbulent
9 period and brought it to national prominence as the leading
10 manufactured housing association in the nation and one of the
11 strongest trade associations in Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, A prominent lobbyist for the manufactured housing
13 industry for 23 years, he was noted for his intelligence,
14 determination, and eloquence and is credited with rewriting the
15 entire body of law governing manufactured housing on both the state
16 and national levels; for his outstanding contributions to the
17 manufactured housing industry, he was inducted into the
18 Manufactured Housing Heritage Foundation Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, Will Ehrle was noted for his loyalty and his
20 integrity, and he was widely respected for his business acumen; he
21 enjoyed the lifelong friendship and trust of legislators, industry
22 leaders, and employees; he was a longtime close friend of the late
23 Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, former Senate Parliamentarian
24 Robert Johnson, and former Representative and State District Judge
25 Robert Hughes; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Ehrle was a member of numerous professional
27 organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Texas

1 Bar Association, the Southwestern Legal Foundation, and the Texas
2 Legal Reserve Officials Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Will Ehrle enriched the lives of many, and his love
4 and compassion, his warmth and kindness, and his enthusiasm and
5 vitality were a source of strength and an inspiration to all who
6 knew him; and

7 WHEREAS, Will lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted
8 husband, father, and grandfather who leaves behind memories that
9 will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William
13 Lawrence Ehrle, Sr.: his wife, Sandy Luckey Ehrle; his son, Will
14 Ehrle, Jr., and his wife, Gloria Leal; his daughter, Sharon Ehrle
15 Richardson, and her husband, Daniel Richardson; his daughter,
16 Rhonda Ehrle Morris, and her husband, Robert Morris, Jr.; his
17 brother, Frank Ehrle; his granddaughters, Heather Renee
18 Richardson, Kristin Kay Morris, and Courtney Elizabeth Morris; and
19 his adopted grandchildren, Kayla Henry and Jess Henry; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
22 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
23 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
24 so in memory of William Lawrence Ehrle, Sr.

David Nurburn
President of the Senate

Mr. Cradock
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2003, by a rising vote. _____

Ratsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2003, by a rising vote. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

28 Feb 2003
Date

Rick Peery
Governor

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Ann Shea
Secretary of State