

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

In Memory
of
Mr. George W. Pfeiffenberger

WHEREAS, The untimely death on December 15, 1964, of George W. Pfeiffenberger, widely-known technologist and executive vice-president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., at the age of 56, was the source of great sorrow to his many friends and business associates in Lubbock and the Plains area; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding Texas citizen had received national and international recognition for his leadership in advancing the interests of cotton, and was chosen "Man of the Year" in 1961 by Cotton Digest magazine; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, he was named cotton producer representative of the American delegation to the International Cotton Advisory Committee in Bangalore, India, a conclave of cotton experts representing 47 different countries; and

WHEREAS, He came to Lubbock in 1956 from Memphis, Tennessee, where he was associated with the National Cotton Council, to become administrative head of the newly-organized Plains Cotton Growers, representing approximately 25,000 cotton growers in a 23-county area; and

WHEREAS, His acceptance of the Lubbock position was a kind of homecoming, which demonstrated his affection for Texas and the people of the Plains area, for he had lived there from 1945 until 1953 while working with the Chicopee Manufacturing Company, which he had once served as cotton research director in the home office at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, He had a phenomenal store of energy which he devoted almost entirely to the cotton industry, and in recognition of his achievements in cotton research and development he was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by Texas Technological College in the spring of 1964; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Dayton, Ohio, and was graduated from the University of Dayton, and then joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture, thus beginning a 34-year career leading to major innovations in the cotton industry throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, He developed techniques from ^{fiber} river research through ginning and spinning, and was instrumental in setting up a pilot plant at Texas Tech, which is one of two such laboratories in the world now carrying on large-scale research in cotton spinning and certain phases of mill management; and

WHEREAS, His development of an air-flow instrument for cotton fineness was exceptionally noteworthy, and the lint-cleaning machines which he perfected for textile mills, as well as ideas for gin lint cleaners, were contributions which have meant much to the industry; and

WHEREAS, He traveled extensively in the United States and Europe in 1954, lecturing and serving as mill consultant for raw cotton purchases and utilization, while acting as research director of the Otto Goedecke Company, cotton merchants of Hallettsville; and

WHEREAS, Two textbooks for the International Correspondence Schools relating to the cotton industry have been published with him as the author, and many of his articles relating to cotton research and the entire cotton industry have been published by Textile Research Journal, Cotton Gin & Oil Mill Press, Cotton Trade Journal, and Cotton Digest; and

WHEREAS, His professional affiliations included membership in the American Society of Testing Materials, the Fiber Society, Advisory Board of Texas Cotton Research Committee, High Plains Research Foundation Board, American Society of Association Executives, International Standards Organization, and past membership on the Secretary of Agriculture's Cotton Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, His talents were diverse, among them unusual ability as a cartoonist, which he employed in free-lance contributions to the sports department of the Dayton Morning Journal, where he became a fast friend of Milton Caniff, creator of the "Steve Canyon" strip; and

WHEREAS, He was devoted to his wife and children, a daughter, Ann Pfeiffenberger of Lubbock, and a son, Will, Jr., who is teaching in the physics department of the U.S. Naval Graduate School at Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, Despite his many business, professional and civic activities, he found time for the work of his church: he was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, and participated in the Knights of Columbus organization; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the 59th Legislature wishes to pay tribute to this outstanding Texas citizen who contributed so much by his dedication to cotton research and development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas by this Resolution recognizes the great loss to this state by the death of George W. Pfeiffenberger, and extends its sincere sympathy to the members of his family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for his wife and two children, and that when the Senate adjourns this day it do so in memory of George W. Pfeiffenberger.

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Preston Smith
Lieutenant Governor
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 1965, by a rising vote.

Charles Schnabel
Secretary of the Senate