



The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 396

In Memory of Luther E. Jones, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Luther E. Jones, Jr., who died September 6, 1999, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, A native of Madisonville, Texas, he graduated from Rice Institute, attended Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., and graduated from The University of Texas School of Law, earning a law degree in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones joined the United States Army in 1942 and served his country honorably during World War II as a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Luther Jones was an outstanding attorney, and his experiences in his legal career included being a secretary to United States Supreme Court Justice Pierce Butler, an attorney in the Lands Division of the United States Department of Justice, the executive assistant to Undersecretary of the Interior Alvin Wirtz, a Justice Department attorney working on federal condemnation cases for land for the Naval Air Station, an assistant City Attorney of Corpus Christi, and United States Commissioner under Federal District Judge James V. Allred; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, he was honored by the State Bar for his distinguished service and was a member of the Bar Committee for the 1965 revision of the Code of Criminal Procedure; Mr. Jones served as the First Assistant District Attorney of Nueces County in 1968-1969; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, he was District Judge of the 105th District Court; he contributed to legal magazines, was a frequent speaker at legal seminars, and wrote many articles on criminal law and procedure; after his term ended, he returned to his duties as chief assistant to District Attorney William Mobley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones accomplished most of his work as a lawyer in private practice in Corpus Christi, where he specialized in criminal and oil and gas law; and

WHEREAS, Luther Jones retired early in 1970 to enjoy his private interests which included traveling and dancing; fascinated with great literature, he enjoyed quoting Shakespeare and loved philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was lauded for his generosity with his family and friends, and his decency and perseverance were a model for many; and