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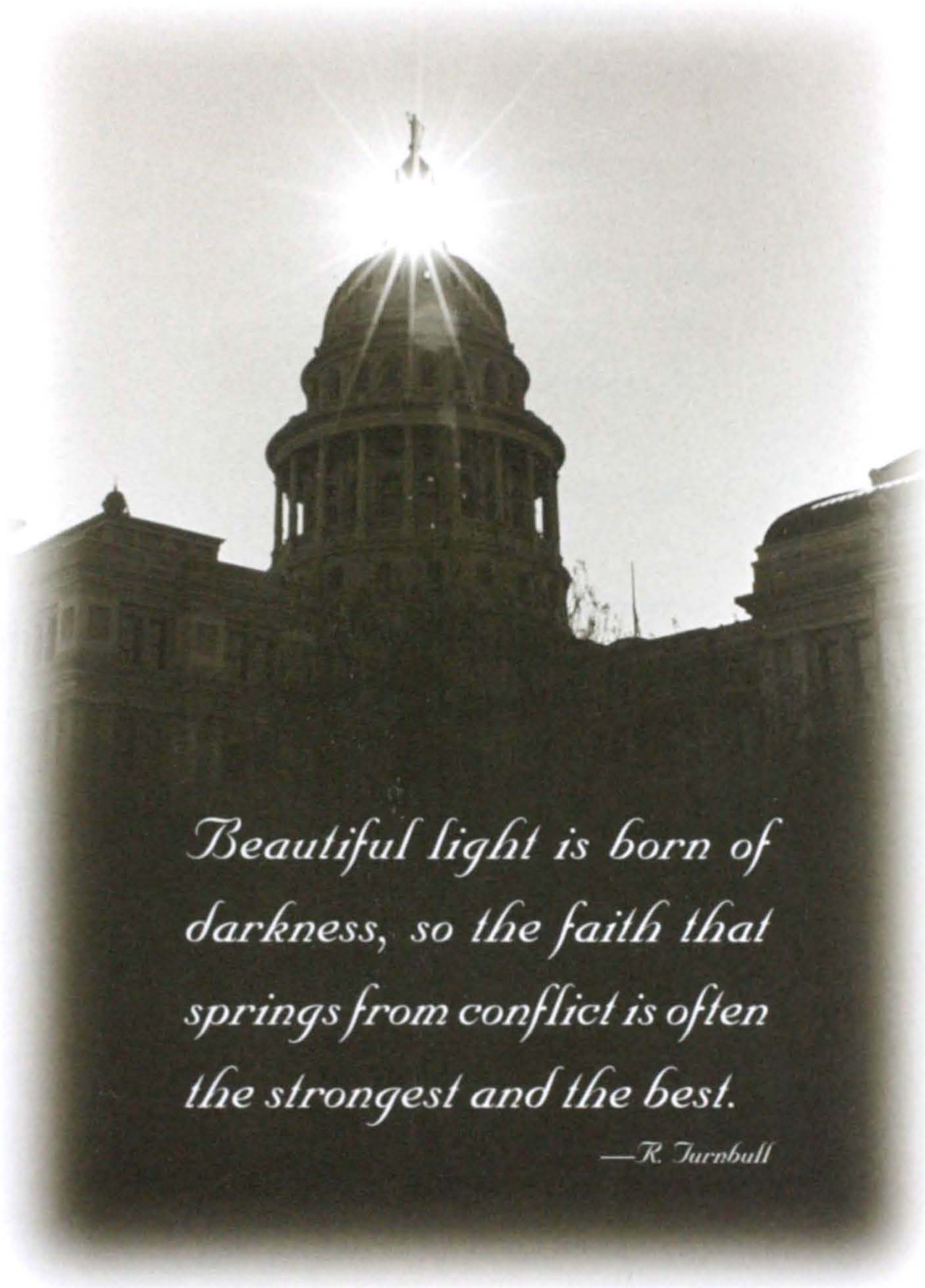
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of
Remembrance*

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*Beautiful light is born of
darkness, so the faith that
springs from conflict is often
the strongest and the best.*

—R. Turnbull



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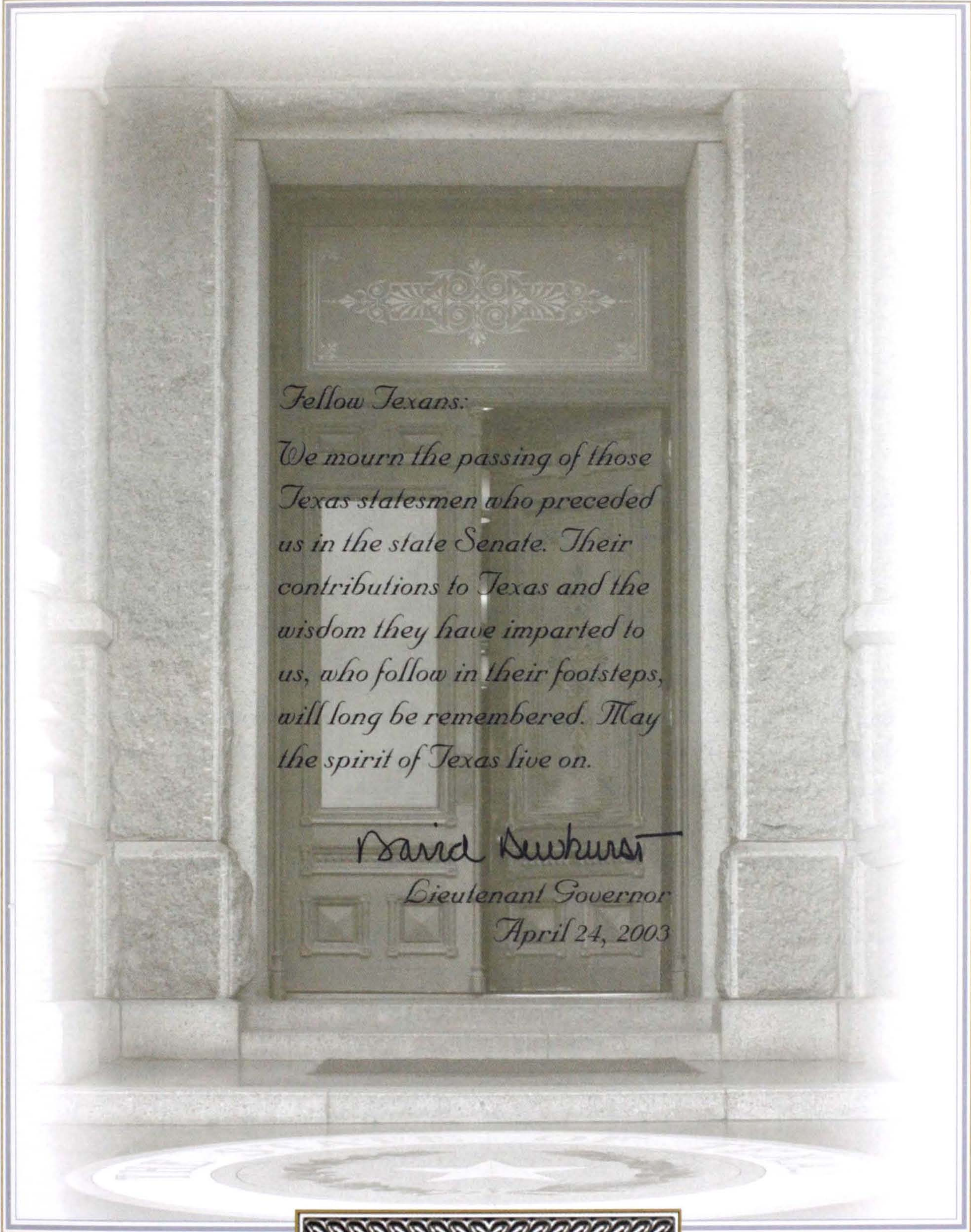
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Fellow Texans:

*We mourn the passing of those
Texas statesmen who preceded
us in the state Senate. Their
contributions to Texas and the
wisdom they have imparted to
us, who follow in their footsteps,
will long be remembered. May
the spirit of Texas live on.*

David Dewhurst

Lieutenant Governor

April 24, 2003



William O. Braecklein

December 12, 1920 – November 14, 2001

Texas Senator 1973 – 1981

William O. Braecklein will be remembered for his warmth and his wonderful sense of humor.

Born in Los Angeles, California, Bill Braecklein moved to Dallas after serving in the United States Army during World War II. Following his graduation from Southern Methodist University School of Law, he became an assistant city attorney and then an assistant United States attorney. In 1966, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, where he served three sessions until his election to the Texas Senate in 1972 to represent the citizens of Senatorial District 16. During the 63rd, 64th, 65th, and 66th legislatures, he was a valued member of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee. His colleagues in the Texas Legislature respected and admired him for his conscientiousness and his desire to do his best on behalf of his beloved adopted state.

After his retirement from legislative service, Senator Braecklein served on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for six years. He remained active in Dallas community life until his death.



Martin Dies, Jr.

December 21, 1921 – May 14, 2001

Texas Senator 1959 – 1967

Characterized by his compassion for others, Martin Dies, Jr., enriched the lives of many through his public service as a state senator, secretary of state, and chief justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals.

The son of Congressman Martin Dies, Sr., and Myrtle McAdams Dies, Judge Dies was educated in Orange, Texas, and Washington, D.C.



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He served in the United States Navy during World War II and fought in the battle of Leyte Gulf. After the war, he completed his legal education at Southern Methodist University in 1947 and began practicing law with the firm of Dies, Anderson and Dies in Lufkin. Elected to the Texas Senate in 1958 to represent Senatorial District 3, he became widely known for his efforts to modernize government services for the developmentally disabled. He was instrumental in the creation of the Lufkin State School and was the author of the PKU Bill, and he received numerous awards from national, state, and local associations for disabled children. He took a great interest in improving the Texas park system, and the Martin Dies, Jr., State Park was named in his honor.

Appointed Texas Secretary of State in 1969, Martin Dies, Jr., became chief justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals in September, 1971, and served until his retirement on August 31, 1989.





Tom Haywood
September 30, 1939 – July 12, 2001
Texas Senator 1995 – 2001

The family, friends, and colleagues of Senator Tom Haywood consider him one of the most courageous men they have ever known. Despite the debilitating effects of supranuclear palsy, he served the people of Senatorial District 30 with honesty and extraordinary devotion to duty until his death.

A former professor of physics at the University of North Texas and Midwestern State University, Tom Haywood left teaching in 1979 to become the executive director of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1994 and soon became known for his mental acuity during Senatorial debate. Tom Haywood worked long and hard on behalf of rural Texas. He was a strong advocate for juvenile justice reform, reduced regulation of the oil and gas industry, and an equitable tax system.

Senator Haywood was an inspiration to all who knew him, and he will be remembered for his love of Texas and his desire to do his best on its behalf.



Raul L. Longoria

February 22, 1921 – May 7, 2001

Texas Senator 1973 – 1981

The first Hispanic senator elected from South Texas, Raul Longoria was considered a trail-blazer and a pioneer by those who followed.

Raul Longoria was born on February 22, 1921, in La Grulla, Texas. He graduated from Rio Grande City High School and attended The University of Texas and The University of Texas School of Law. After being admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951, he practiced law in the Rio Grande Valley.

Raul Longoria was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1960 and to the Texas Senate in 1972. During his 20-year legislative career, he championed the causes of labor, health, and education and was instrumental in getting Pan American University affiliated with The University of Texas System. In a fitting tribute to his commitment to education, an elementary school in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo School District was named in his honor.

In 1981, Raul Longoria resigned from the Senate to serve as judge of the 139th District Court in Hidalgo County. He served as judge of that court until his retirement in 1994.

Raul Longoria will be remembered by the people of South Texas and by all Texans for his many years of dedicated public service and his hard work on their behalf.





Mike McKool

December 30, 1918 – February 22, 2003

Texas Senator 1969 – 1973

During a legal and political career that spanned more than 50 years, Mike McKool was a champion for the rights of the underrepresented. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1968 and served in the 61st and 62nd legislatures. During his four years in office, he fought against high insurance rates and a sales tax on groceries. Senator McKool also wrote the state's voter registration law.

Mike McKool was born in Mexico City to immigrant Lebanese parents and graduated from Crozier Technical High School in Dallas and George Washington University. Following his service during World War II with the Army Air Corps, he returned to Dallas and completed his law degree at Southern Methodist University. He then ran for the state legislature, campaigning on a slogan of "A tailgunner gunning for good government." After this introduction to Texas politics, he went on to found a successful law firm that specialized in condemnation cases.

Mike McKool was active in Dallas community life as a founder of the Democratic Men of Dallas, as chairman of the St. Jude's drive, and as president of the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs. He will be remembered for his generosity to those in need and for his tenacity on their behalf.



Jimmy Phillips

May 17, 1913 – January 14, 2002
Texas Senator 1947 – 1959

Throughout his long and distinguished career in the Texas Legislature, Jimmy Phillips was known as an ardent advocate on behalf of the poor. Orphaned at an early age, Jimmy worked his way through The University of Texas School of Law in a variety of jobs, and it was while operating an elevator at the Capitol that Jimmy decided to enter public service. His goal was to ensure that his fellow Texans could receive an education and obtain medical care no matter what their financial circumstances.



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Jimmy was elected to the Texas House of Representatives from Brazoria and Matagorda Counties in 1940 and served until 1943, when he enlisted in the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, Jimmy was elected to the Texas Senate and served the people of Senate District 17 until 1959, concentrating on improving the state hospital system and controlling the cost of state college tuition.

After leaving public service, Senator Phillips worked for Dow Chemical Company before joining his sons in the practice of law in Angleton.





Farewell dear friends...



