

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF
THE ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON
IN REGULAR SESSION AT
GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 1, 2009

HONORING ITS BELOVED FORMER MEMBER
DARDEN JACKSON (JACK) BUSHONG
1929-2009

WHEREAS, JACK BUSHONG departed this life on February 1, 2009 on his 80th birthday.

WE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON, DO HEREBY RESOLVE, THAT:

Our Club mourns the loss of **JACK BUSHONG**, a highly respected and valued member of our Club.

Jack was born on February 1, 1929 in New Market, Virginia. He attended Randolph Macon Business College and Cornell University's Hotel and Restaurant Management College before graduating from Bridgewater College in Virginia. Jack proudly served his country during the Korean War as a young U.S. Army artillery officer and as a member of General Dwight Eisenhower's Special Services Staff with Headquarters-U.S. European Command.

After completing his military service, Jack held hotel management positions with the Hilton Corporation before being asked by the Moody

family to come to Galveston and take over the Galvez Hotel, Moody Civic Center and the Buccaneer Hotel. Jack was then hired to run hotels in the Bahamas and North Carolina. He returned to Galveston in 1964 to manage the Flagship Hotel. After Jack's first retirement from the hotel/hospitality industry, he was appointed Executive Director of the Galveston Convention and Visitors Bureau in 1979, a position he held for 10 years. When he retired a second time, he was appointed Executive Secretary of our Club. Jack also served as secretary of the Galveston Country Club for 20 years. He served on the Park Board of Trustees, was chairman of the Tourism Development Committee and served on the boards of the Salvation Army and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. Jack loved Galveston and tirelessly promoted the Island. It's easy to see why he was affectionately known as "Mr. Galveston."

Jack was married to the love of his life, Robyn, for 31 years. They had a wonderful marriage and were very devoted to one another. They supported each other in every way.

We will always remember Jack as a great member and leader of our Club. His Rotary membership spanned 43 years. He loved Rotary and everything it stood for. Jack was the quintessential Rotarian. We all strived to be like Jack. His devotion to Rotary was not just recognized locally but nationally and internationally. His greatest Rotary achievements were with Rotary International. In 1993 he received special recognition from the President of Rotary International for his leadership in World Fellowship activities.

Jack was a Paul Harris Fellow, he was voted the Most Valuable Member of our Club a number of times, was inducted into the prestigious Rotary District 5910 Roll of Fame, was a VIT member, served as District Secretary, and as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians. For 20 years Jack served as our Club's Executive Secretary. His service in that capacity was truly extraordinary. Jack was both the producer and director of all the happenings of our Club. He made sure the daily operations of our Club ran smoothly and he always steered us along the right path. He guided and counseled our presidents and directors with great wisdom and knowledge-and always with a warm heart

and steady hand. In 2005, as a fitting tribute to Jack, he became the first recipient of the William H. Felts, Jr. Heart of Rotary Award-the highest award our Club can bestow upon a member.

At Jack's funeral, Fred Raschke presented a beautiful eulogy. Fred described Jack as a "first class guy who was always in control of the situation. He acted as club maitre de, he was always the first to greet us at our functions and was a tremendous mentor to all our presidents." Fred went on to say there is no question that Jack, by now, has certainly talked the Good Lord into letting him take over the Galveston Recovery Plan from the heavenly side.

We will greatly miss Jack's smile, sharp wit and humor. Jack had his life priorities in proper order. Jack truly lived his life in accordance with our Rotary motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

Jack lived a wonderful life and was a great American. He served his God, his family, friends, our community, our nation and all Rotarians to the fullest. We all know that when Jack arrived at the gates of Heaven on February 1, God walked over to the entryway and announced to all present: "This is my beloved Jack in whom I am well pleased. I have prepared a special place for him in my Kingdom."

The Rotary Club of Galveston wishes to note, with deep regret, the passing of Jack Bushong, a loyal member, cherished friend and exceptional man. We bestow our sincere sympathy to his wife Robyn, as well as his other family members and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION be entered in the minutes of this Club, made a permanent part of the records of the Rotary Club of Galveston, and that copies be presented to Jack's family.

Bets Anderson, President

I, Donna Foley, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Galveston, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY A STANDING VOTE OF THE MEMBERS at the regular meeting of our Club in Galveston, Texas, on April 1, 2009.

Donna Foley, Secretary

Michael J. Guarino, Chairman
Remembrance Committee