

## Charlie Marshall Day proclaimed in two counties

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July 7, 2013 has been proclaimed "Charlie Marshall Day" in both Aransas and San Patricio County to honor and recognize an Aransas Pass resident for his long-time service to the local community as well as both counties.

On this day Charlie Marshall will celebrate his 90th birthday with family and friends with the knowledge that the communities he has served since 1949 acknowledge with gratitude the debt they owe for his years of commitment to them.

Marshall was born in Skidmore, Texas, attended school in Raymondville, and then completed his college education at Southwest Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on a back-up troop transport in an operating room. After his return to civilian life, Marshall enrolled in Landig Mortuary College in Houston. Completing his studies as valedictorian, he then moved to Aransas Pass in 1949.

Marshall began his career as a mortician working for Cage Funeral Home and by 1953 it became Cage-Marshall Funeral Homes in Rockport and Aransas Pass. He continues as the sole owner and president of the board of Charlie Marshall Funeral Home and Crematory and, with his son and daughter, serves over 500 families each year. He has served on the State Board of Morticians longer than any other Texas Director and received his fifty year pin from the Texas Funeral Directors Association in 1999.

In Aransas Pass Marshall is also known for his dedication to the public school system. He won his first election as a school board trustee in 1959. He continued to serve the community in this manner for 54 years. He was honored for his service by having an elementary school bear his name in 1997. Even though he no longer serves as a trustee, Marshall continues to follow the sport and academic progress of the district.

As a community leader Marshall is highly respected in the city and county. He served on the original Aransas Pass City Charter Committee, helped begin the Shrimpooree and served as president of the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce.

He is a life member of Ingleside Veterans of Foreign Wars and received an award from the Rockport G.I. Forum #324 in appreciation of his contributions to veterans over the years. In 1972 he received the Citizen of the Year award. In San Patricio County, Marshall served on the Public Affairs Committee, TB Committee, Red Cross and Juvenile Committee.

Marshall has received over the years many letters of recognition and appreciation from national and state dignitaries some of which came from President George H.W. Bush, Governor George

W. Bush, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, U.S. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

On April 1, 2004 a Tribute to Charles Marshall was entered into the Congressional Record by Ruben Hinojosa. This tribute listed the many achievements and contributions he made to the community.

As a businessman, land developer and community leader Charlie Marshall will long be remembered in the community. It is fitting that July 7 be set aside to recognize his achievements and the contributions he has made.