

## HONORABLE BENJAMIN DUDLEY TARLTON DOUGHERTY

HONORABLE BENJAMIN DUDLEY TARLTON DOUGHERTY (1923-1978) WAS BORN TO JAMES ROBERT AND GENEVIEVE TARLTON DOUGHERTY OF BEEVILLE, WHERE HIS FATHER PRACTICED LAW.

KNOWN AS DUDLEY, HE LIVED IN BEEVILLE HIS ENTIRE LIFE. DOUGHERTY ENLISTED IN THE U.S.ARMY IN 1943.HE LATER SERVED UNDER GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY, RECEIVING FOUR BRONZE STARS FOR ACTIVE COMBAT IN NORMANDY, NORTHERN FRANCE, THE RHINELAND AND CENTRAL EUROPE.

RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE, IN 1950 HE MARRIED MARY PATRICIA CALHOUN OF CHARCO. THE COUPLE FOUNDED SAN DOMINGO RANCH ON MEDIO CREEK, RAISING FOUR CHILDREN.

POST WAR, WHILE FIGHTING FOR THE PEACE, HON. DOUGHERTY ACTIVELY OPPOSED THE FORCED REPATRIATION OF EUROPEAN CIVILIANS TO TOTALITARIAN REGIMES, AND LATER, KOREANS TO NORTH KOREA. IN BEE COUNTY, HE SUPPORTED CIVIC AND LOCAL CAUSES, DONATING LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 818 IN BEEVILLE.

ELECTED TO TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1951, HONORABLE DOUGHERTY SERVED HIS TERM. IN 1954 HE OPPOSED LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON IN THE DEMOCRATIC-PRIMARY FOR U.S. SENATE. SIMULTANEOUSLY DOUGHERTY EMBRACED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WATER CONSERVATION REFORM IN 1954, AUTHORIZING

“ THE WATER PROBLEM -A SOLUTION ”.

DOUGHERTY BEGAN 1959 BY PUBLISHING TEXAS' FIRST BILINGUAL NEWSPAPER. HE WAS A PRINCIPLE AMONG THE TEXAS NEWSPAPER EDITORS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, REPRESENTING SAN ANTONIO'S SPANISH/ENGLISH NEWSPAPER “*LA PRENSA* ”.

DUDLEY T. DOUGHERTY REMAINED ACTIVE IN POLITICAL DISCOURSE, WHILE RANCHING, AND SUPPORTING KEY CHANGES IN OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION LAW.

HIS EFFORTS RESULTED IN LAND OWNERS' MORE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MINERALS.

DOUGHERTY RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR IN 1974 “FOR LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMANITY”.

HONORABLE DUDLEY TARLTON DOUGHERTY IS REMEMBERED AS AUTHOR, HUMANITARIAN, PHILANTHROPIST, AND CONSERVATIONIST. HIS LEGACY CONTINUES TODAY THROUGH THE DUDLEY T. DOUGHERTY FOUNDATION, EST. FEBRUARY 14, 2000.