

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and
3 commemorates the life of the Honorable Sam Wilson Russell, who died
4 May 14, 2014, at the age of 68; and

5 WHEREAS, Sam Russell was born on August 31, 1945, in Gilmer;
6 he attended public schools in Mount Pleasant, and during high
7 school, he served as a White House page under the guidance of
8 Congressman Wright Patman; he went on to earn degrees from East
9 Texas State University and the South Texas College of Law; and

10 WHEREAS, He married one of his best friends from high school,
11 Janet Sue Cox, in 1978; they raised two children together, Monica
12 and Clay, and were blessed with two grandchildren, Tyler and Jack;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell joined his father's law firm in Mount
15 Pleasant in 1979; he was elected to the Texas House of
16 Representatives in 1982 and served the people of Northeast Texas
17 with distinction for nearly 10 years; he was an influential member
18 of a number of committees and served as chair of the Criminal
19 Jurisprudence Committee and as House majority leader; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell left the legislature in 1992 to serve as
21 legislative director for Governor Ann Richards; after leaving the
22 governor's office, he worked as a governmental affairs director,
23 primarily representing interests in the fields of housing and
24 transportation; and

1 WHEREAS, He returned to his hometown of Mount Pleasant in
2 2005 and resumed the private practice of civil and criminal law; he
3 went on to serve as Titus County judge from 2006 to 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished career in
5 public service, he received numerous honors; he was named
6 Legislator of the Year by the Texas Transit Association, and he
7 received a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Chamber of
8 Commerce; he was recognized by the Texas State Teachers Association
9 and the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for
10 his commitment to public education; and

11 WHEREAS, He was active in a number of civic and philanthropic
12 organizations, including the Mount Pleasant Rotary Club, Temple
13 Lodge 70 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Mount
14 Pleasant-Titus County Chamber of Commerce, and the Snow Hill
15 Cemetery Association; and

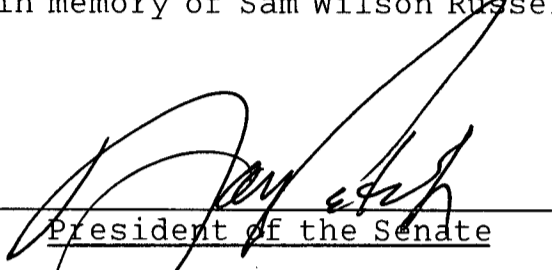
16 WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and integrity, he gave
17 generously to others, and his wisdom and his enthusiasm for living
18 each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

19 WHEREAS, He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and
20 grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured
21 forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

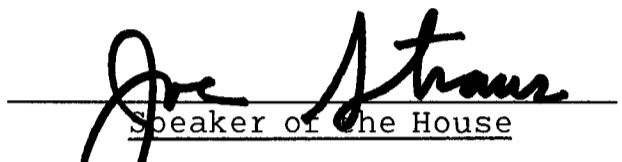
22 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Sam
24 Wilson Russell; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
26 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
27 Legislature and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do

1 so in memory of Sam Wilson Russell. _____

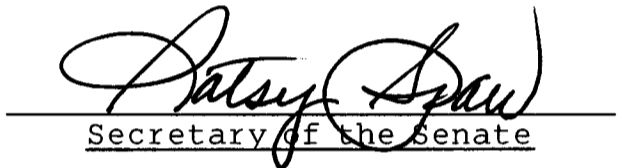


President of the Senate



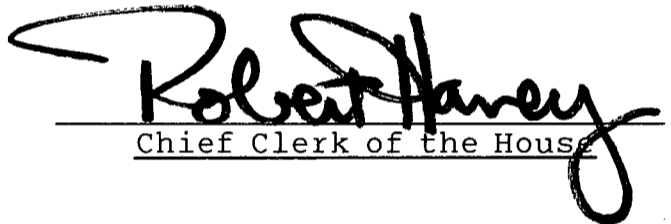
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2015. _____



Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015. _____



Chief Clerk of the House

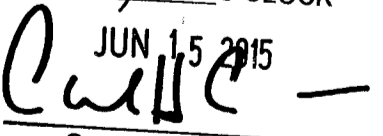
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Governor

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