## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

## In Memory of John Dillard

WHEREAS, Residents of The Colony are mourning the loss of former mayor John Curtis Dillard II, who passed away on September 20, 2023, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, The son of John and Alice Dillard, John Dillard was born on August 30, 1948, and grew up in Bessemer, Alabama; while completing his bachelor's degree in business at Amberton University, he enlisted in the National Guard; he served principally in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard; over the course of 25 years in the military, he graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army Armor School, and he retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve; his civilian career spanned more than 40 years in the commercial building products field, and he won many professional awards before his retirement as a district manager with Siplast in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was highly engaged in civic life for nearly four decades; after serving on The Colony City Council from 1992 to 2002, he went on to serve two terms as mayor; he shared his expertise with the board of the Denton County Transportation Authority and Denton County Building and Maintenance Committee, among other such organizations, and he was a founding member of The Colony Economic Development Corporation, the Windhaven Peninsula Development Committee, and the HWY 121 Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Active in the Denton County Republican Party since 1986, Mr. Dillard served in numerous capacities, including senate district committee member, state delegate, and county chair; he regularly served as an election judge or clerk, and he was a founding member of the Denton County Conservative Coalition; he was also a longtime member of the Legacy Republican Club; in 2016, he was elected as the presidential elector for Congressional District 26; moreover, he was an Eagle Scout and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and Texas State Rifle Association; sharing his skill, he served as a 4-H shooting sports instructor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was a man of strong faith and served in leadership roles at several churches; the devoted husband of Nancy Dillard, he took great pride in their children, Ashley, Elizabeth, and Steven, and three treasured granddaughters, Caroline, Penelope, and Eva; and

WHEREAS, Through his service to his community and his country, John Dillard set an inspiring example for all, and he will be remembered with great admiration by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of John Curtis Dillard II and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Dillard.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 9, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate