

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

In Memory  
of  
David Sanders

**WHEREAS**, A full and generous life drew to a close with the passing of David Leslie Sanders of Tyler in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Nell Wylinda King and Harold E. Sanders, Dave Sanders was born on October 2, 1932, and grew up with three siblings, Joe, Bob, and Mildred; he joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and served in the Korean War and in a number of European countries before his honorable discharge in 1955; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sanders was employed by Texas Instruments for 32 years as a mechanical engineer, and he played a key role in the development and design of radar-missile systems for the Department of Defense; following his retirement, he worked for the Science Place in Dallas, building and maintaining its exhibits; he used his free time to tinker on various projects in his garage; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 21, 1969, Mr. Sanders married the former Cynthia Sue Printz; the couple enjoyed spending summer months in Cody, Wyoming, working as teachers at a national wildlife park; through the years, their treasured family grew to include four more generations, and they shared a fulfilling relationship until her passing in 2019; he was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Austin Gabriel Easley and April Danielle Easley; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sanders was fortunate enough to find love again with Mary Jane Howard; they visited Caddo Lake every weekend and spent countless happy hours on the back porch drinking coffee and admiring the view; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Sanders was an active volunteer for numerous organizations, including Meals on Wheels, the Children's Medical Hospital of Dallas, and the Cancer Ward for Children; he also liked to make walking canes for local veterans; a man of faith, he was a valued member of Pollard Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Dave Sanders is greatly missed, he has left his family and friends with a host of cherished memories, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; 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 David Leslie Sanders and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his children, Robbin Durgin, Terry Highland, Denise and David Langford, and Scott Holand and his wife, Amy; to his dearest companion, Mary Jane Howard; to his eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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**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 Dave Sanders.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 26, 2023, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate