

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

In Memory
of
Bill Harper

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the passing of Bill W. Harper of Hideaway on August 10, 2023, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, A native of Longview, Bill Harper was born on October 10, 1944, to Bill and Floy Weeks Harper; he graduated from Longview High School in 1963 before earning degrees in economics and accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harper began his career working for Sears in Longview, where he rose to the position of assistant store manager, and he later struck out on his own and purchased a full-service Gulf station; his business interests grew to include A-1 Rent-All, an equipment and party rental store, which under his leadership expanded to multiple locations across East Texas; he sold the business in 1998 but continued to serve as a consultant to the new owners, and during his semi-retirement, he settled in Hideaway; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his loved ones, Mr. Harper shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Donna, and he took great pride in his sons, Casey Harper and Chris Harper, who preceded his father in death; with the passing years, the family grew to include four granddaughters, Colby, Hannah, Lanie, and Madison, and two great-granddaughters, Harper and Kora; and

WHEREAS, Among his many hobbies, Mr. Harper was an avid fisherman who spent countless days on the water at Lake Cherokee, Lake Palestine, and Hideaway Lake, and he greatly enjoyed taking RV trips with Mrs. Harper and his dogs, visiting locations across

the U.S.; he was also passionate about collectible cars, including his prized 50th Anniversary Corvette; a man of faith, he was a member of ChristPoint Methodist Church Lindale; and

WHEREAS, Bill Harper lived a life that was rich in meaningful achievements, and he will forever be remembered with deep admiration and affection by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bill W. Harper and extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends; 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 Bill Harper.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 30, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate