

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

In Memory  
of  
Roddy Osborne

**WHEREAS**, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Carl Roderick Osborne, who passed away on October 10, 2022, at the age of 86; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Tim and Christine Osborne, Roddy Osborne was born in Terrell on December 6, 1935, and grew up in Gainesville; he attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship, leading the Aggies to the 1956 Southwest Conference championship and earning All-SWC honors that season; in 1958, he was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the National Football League Draft, and he was later inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Osborne served for several years in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain before his honorable discharge; he subsequently coached football at Abilene Christian University and Harding University in Arkansas, where he received a master's degree in psychology; he also studied child psychology as a Ph.D. student at Florida State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Returning to Gainesville in the 1970s, Mr. Osborne joined his father in the family's residential and commercial real estate business; in 1980, he traveled with Federal Housing Administration representatives to the Middle East to meet with Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and other government officials about the development of low-cost housing; and

**WHEREAS**, In all his endeavors, Mr. Osborne enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 25 years, the former Janis Land; he took great pride in his 3 children, Kerry, Kevin, and Kathy, and his 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, A humble man of faith, Roddy Osborne will be deeply missed, and those who held him dear will forever remember the warmth and kindness he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carl Roderick Osborne and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Janis Osborne; to his children, Kerry Osborne and his wife, Veronica, Kevin Osborne and his wife, Stacy, and Kathy Hiser and her husband, Tim; to his sister, Karen Otts; to the mother of his children, Mary Lou Leftwich; to his grandchildren, Jordan, Jacob, Lindsey, Noah, Chandler, Logan, Madison, Will, Jesse, Cole, and Clay; to his great-grandchildren, Griffin, Olivia, Liam, Brayden, Grace, and Emma; and to his many other relatives 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 Roddy Osborne.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2023, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate