

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

In Memory
of
Thomas Callahan

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of retired Wichita County sheriff Thomas Joseph Callahan, who passed away on August 12, 2021, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, The son of Thomas and Catherine Callahan, Thomas Callahan was born on November 3, 1946, in Havertown, Pennsylvania, and grew up with a sister, Catherine, and four brothers, Joseph, Brian, Patrick, and Francis; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Callahan joined the Wichita County Sheriff's Office as a jailer and rose through the ranks to deputy and then to lieutenant; he was appointed sheriff in 1986 and was subsequently elected to the position for the next five terms, becoming the longest-serving sheriff in the county; after retiring in 2008, he taught criminal justice at Midwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Mary Anne, and he took great pride in his four children, Siobain, Coreen, Thomas, and Aiden; with the passing years, he had the privilege of seeing his family grow to include eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his kind and generous nature, his delightful sense of humor, and his deep devotion to his family, Thomas Callahan lived a life that was rich in personal and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Joseph Callahan 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 Thomas Callahan.

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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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate