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S.R. No. 164

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Terence James Fitzwater, who died on January 31, 2023, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Terry Fitzwater was born on July 3, 1957, in Phoenix, Arizona; he attended Central Michigan University and Rutgers University School of Law before beginning a long and fulfilling career in journalism; and

WHEREAS, A highly accomplished writer, editor, and publisher, Terry worked in the newspaper business for four decades; he won numerous awards and served on many state and local press associations in Michigan, New Mexico, and Texas; as the publisher of the *Kingsville Record* in Kingsville, Texas, Terry was an advocate for free speech and highlighted stories of those who serve the public, especially stories about World War II and Vietnam War veterans; and

WHEREAS, Terry was an avid traveler, history buff, and University of Michigan football fan; he delighted in auto racing; in attending concerts, watching movies, playing games and exploring the great outdoors; a man of deep faith and devotion to service, he attended Saint Gertrude the Great Catholic Church in Kingsville and was an active member of the Elks and Rotary International organizations; above all, Terry cherished his family and time spent with his four children and six

grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A respected leader in his field and a trusted friend to many, Terence Fitzwater was a highly esteemed citizen who was a source of inspiration to those who knew him through his fierce dedication to his values and his enthusiasm for enjoying and living each day to the fullest; his memory will long be cherished with respect and admiration by his loved ones and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Terence James Fitzwater; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Terence J. Fitzwater.