

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 288

In Memory
of
Bobby Evans

WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the passing of James Robert Evans of Fort Worth on February 2, 2023, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, The son of Bernice Glasscock Evans and Walter Sidney Evans, Bobby Evans was born in San Angelo on March 30, 1935, and he grew up with the companionship of two siblings, William Sidney and Jo Alice; after graduating from San Angelo High School, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University, where he was a member of ROTC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans enjoyed a rewarding career as a civil engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation that spanned more than four decades; over the course of his tenure, he held a number of positions in Lubbock, San Angelo, Del Rio, and Tyler; as district engineer in Tyler, he played an instrumental role in establishing the Adopt-A-Highway program, and he was recognized with the Leadership Award from Keep Texas Beautiful, the Phoenix Award from the Society of American Travel Writers, and the Gibb Gilchrist Award from Texas A&M Transportation Institute for outstanding service to TxDOT; in addition, he was granted honorary membership to the International Adopt-A-Highway Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Mr. Evans returned to San Angelo, where he worked in business development and client relations for BWR Corporation, WSBC Civil Engineers Inc., and Arcadis; following his retirement in 2010, he moved to Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Evans served as president of the Tyler Downtown Rotary Club and the State Highway 31 Association and as chair of the Texas Alliance of Minority Engineers; a man of deep faith, he was a valued congregant of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church; in his leisure time, he enjoyed following Texas Tech Red Raider football and spending time at the Bronte ranch with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Evans benefited from the love and support of his wife, Billie Jean, with whom he shared a fulfilling union of 64 years until her passing in 2021; he took great pride in his two children, Susan and Mark, as well as in his seven grandchildren, Laura, Matthew, Karen, Andrew, Alan, Bryan, and Mandy, two great-grandchildren, Walt and Charlie, and three step-great-grandchildren, Payton, Reese, and Enzo; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his integrity, kindness, and generosity, Bobby Evans has left his family and friends with a wealth of treasured memories, and they will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of James Robert Evans 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 Bobby Evans.

Sparks, Campbell, Hancock
Hughes, LaMantia, Perry

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate