

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 590

In Memory
of
Janis Stanwood Meinscher

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Janis Stanwood Meinscher, a beloved member of the Capitol community, who died on August 15, 2024, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Jan Stanwood was born on March 10, 1952, to Joseph Stanwood and Gladys Coleman Stanwood; she possessed a feisty courage and strong sense of adventure from an early age, and after completing high school she enrolled at Texas State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Meinscher's noteworthy career at the State Capitol spanned more than three decades, and her valuable service in both chambers included serving the offices of Senator Kent Caperton, the Senate Journal, Senate Parliamentarian Walter Fisher, and House Parliamentarians Denise Davis and Chris Griesel; a devotee of the legislative process, she dedicated her considerable energies to keeping things running smoothly; during regular and special sessions, her responsibilities required many arduous late nights, but she always returned early the next morning to start her day with a speed walk through the Capitol Extension; and

WHEREAS, Jan's engaging smile and her wisecracks helped lighten the load for her colleagues, and she was a mentor to countless staffers and a friend and confidant to many legislators; above all, she adored her family, and she shared a rewarding marriage with her late husband, Denis, and took great

pride in her daughter, her stepdaughter, and her grandchildren;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Janis Stanwood Meinscher and extend sincere condolences to her family: to her daughter, Emily Edington; to her stepdaughter, Heather O'Brien, and her husband, Steve; to her grandchildren, Shelbi Malatin, Aubrey Edington Jones, and Austin Edington Jones; to her brother, Danny Stanwood, and his wife, Missy; and to her many friends and relatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Jan Meinscher.

Zaffirini, Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 31, 2025, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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