

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

In Memory
of
William Kelley Looney

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Edinburg in mourning the tragic loss of William Kelley Looney, who died on July 21, 2003, at the age of 28; and

WHEREAS, Will Looney, son of Carol Lynn and former Representative Cullen Looney was born in McAllen on August 25, 1974; he graduated from Edinburg High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, A natural leader who pursued his goals and dreams with grace, style, and determination, Will served as the president of 4-H for the State of Texas during his senior year in high school; at Texas A&M University, he served in his senior year as president of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, After he graduated from college, Will's love of exploring the world led him to New York City, where he worked in financial planning, and later to Boston, Massachusetts; at the time of his death, he was traveling to Monterrey, Mexico, where he was participating in a summer internship; and

WHEREAS, Will settled in Austin several years ago to study at the McCombs School of Business; he had recently completed his first year in the master's program in business administration; and

WHEREAS, He will be fondly remembered for his much beloved laugh and sense of humor, and interest in everyone and everything around him; and

WHEREAS, Will considered life a wonderful adventure, and he especially savored traveling in Mexico to master its Spanish language, to study its culture, to delve into its history, and to become part of its future; he also held a deep affection for his hometown of Edinburg and often referred to the Rio Grande Valley as "paradise"; and

WHEREAS, Will Looney lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted son and brother, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William Kelley Looney: his parents, Carol Lynn and Cullen Looney; his sisters and brother-in-law, Courtney Looney and Lorin and Forrest Runnels; his grandmother, Connor Smith; and his fiancée, Margot Marsh; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 William Kelley Looney.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 17, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate