SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

In Memory of Frank Fallon

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Waco in mourning the loss of Frank Fallon, who died on April 30, 2004, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fallon was born in El Paso and raised in San Antonio, and he attended Baylor University; he shared a long and loving marriage with June Fallon, and the couple was blessed with four sons; and

WHEREAS, Known as the "Voice of the Baylor Bears" for 43 years, Frank was respected and admired in Texas and across the nation for his knowledge of sports and for his distinctive broadcast delivery of sporting events; he achieved an outstanding reputation as a fairminded and accurate broadcaster and as a warm and humble man in his profession; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the Army, Mr. Fallon settled in Waco and began a sports broadcasting career that elevated him to national prominence; he was the first television play-by-play announcer for Southwest Conference basketball, and he served as the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four public address announcer for over 20 years; he spent 34 years at KWTX radio and television in Waco, including 29 years as general manager of the station; he retired from broadcasting in 1995; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding work, Frank was voted Texas Sportscaster of the Year five times, was voted Texas' best radio play-by-play announcer seven times by the Associated Press, and was named one of the state's top 10 all-time radio play-by-play announcers by the Texas Sportswriters Association; he was recognized with the 2001 Chris Schenkel Award from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, and he is a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and the Baylor Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fallon was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Frank Fallon: his wife, June; his sons, Steve, Mark, Mike, and Kyle; and his five grandchildren; and, be it further

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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 Frank Fallon.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2004, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate