

By: Phillips

H.R. No. 669

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of former State Representative Robert G.
2 Bush III on May 14, 2002, at the age of 66, has brought a great loss
3 to the community of Sherman as well as to the citizens of the Lone
4 Star State, whom he so faithfully served during his decade-long
5 tenure in the Texas House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Bush received
7 degrees from the University of Kansas and Southern Methodist
8 University before embarking on a successful legal career in
9 Sherman; this distinguished attorney was elected to the legislature
10 of his adopted state in 1976 and quickly established himself as a
11 leader of integrity, intelligence, and compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Bush was appointed to three
13 consecutive terms as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and was
14 twice unanimously elected by his peers to serve as house majority
15 leader; selected to serve as the first master of discovery in an
16 election contest conducted by the Texas Legislature,
17 Representative Bush was responsible for the passage of significant
18 legislation as well, including a landmark measure modifying the
19 Texas Natural Death Act, which enabled terminally ill patients to
20 make oral directives regarding their desire to have life-sustaining
21 procedures withheld; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was also committed to protecting our
23 state's youngest citizens; honored in 1985 by the State Bar of Texas
24 as one of the Ten Best Legislators from a Family Law Perspective, he

1 helped found the Sherman Boys and Girls Club and served as chairman
2 of the Grayson County Child Welfare Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Widely respected in his profession, Mr. Bush served
4 on numerous committees of the State Bar of Texas and held the post
5 of associate director of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association; he
6 shared his expertise with others as a law instructor at Grayson
7 County College, as a speaker at various legal conferences, and as a
8 contributor to the *Texas Trial Lawyers Forum*, the *Texas Bar*
9 *Journal*, and the *Texas Observer*; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career as an attorney, civic
11 leader, and state representative, Mr. Bush was supported by his
12 beloved wife, Wanda, with whom he shared his life for four decades;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, An extraordinarily accomplished and caring man, Bob
15 Bush worked tirelessly to build a strong, just society, and his
16 memory will long be cherished by all who were privileged to know
17 him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of the Honorable
20 Robert G. Bush III and extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Wanda
21 Baker Bush, and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mrs. Bush and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of former
26 State Representative Bob Bush.