

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 485

In Memory  
of  
James W. Cowan II

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Belton in mourning the loss of James W. Cowan II, who died March 21, 2003, at the age of 65; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Cowan was born December 19, 1937, in Jacksonville, Texas, to Warren and Mildred Cowan; he attended Tarleton State College and earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, A longtime resident of Bell County, Jim was a professional engineer for 39 years with the Texas Department of Transportation and served since 1987 as the department's Bell County area engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was active in his community; over the years, he received numerous awards, including the Gibb Gilchrist Award from Texas A&M College of Engineering and the Golden Spike Award from the City of Temple; he was recognized by the Salado Historical Society for spearheading the restoration and preservation of the Dobb's Creek Bridge, which is now located in Salado; and

**WHEREAS**, A dedicated volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, Jim served as assistant scoutmaster for Belton's Troop 117 and was the chairman of the Heart O'Texas Council's Camping Committee for two years; he earned a Wood Badge and was a Vigil Honor Member of scouting's prestigious Order of the Arrow; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Jim gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Cowan 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James W. Cowan II: his wife, Liz Cowan; his daughter and her husband, Julie and Mark Mahler; his sons and daughter-in-law, Calvin Cowan and Daniel and Jodie Cowan; his brother, Robert Cowan; his sister, Carol Prinz; and his grandchildren, Caroline, Matthew, and Emily Anne Mahler; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 James W. Cowan II.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate