

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 640

In Memory
of
William George Berchelmann

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of William George "Bill" Berchelmann, who died March 7, 2003, at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, Bill was born in San Antonio on May 10, 1951, to Mary Louise Staak Berchelmann and Dr. August George Berchelmann; he graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and earned his doctorate of jurisprudence degree from Saint Mary's University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, A man who always found the good in the world, Bill had the ability to lift everyone's spirits with his positive attitude; a mentor and a friend to many in the community, he was never too busy to come to the assistance of others; and

WHEREAS, He was known as a man who could make others laugh in the face of adversity, and the valor he showed throughout his life was an inspiration to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Bill participated in numerous professional organizations, including the San Antonio Bar association and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; he also served his community as a member of the Board of Directors of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center and Vital Alliance; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Bill gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and sense of humor will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Bill Berchelmann was a devoted husband and father, 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 William George Berchelmann: his wife, Ellen Berchelmann; his daughters, Melanie, Natalie, and Courtney Berchelmann; his stepsons, Chad and Kurt Lindig; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Jan Berchelmann, Jimmy and Claire Berchelmann, and Stephen Berchelmann; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Phil Davis, Christine and Gerald Mann, Katie and Merle Gothard, and Johanna and Terry McDonald; 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 William George Berchermann.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate