

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 641

In Memory
of
Peter Jahns

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of South Texas in mourning the loss of Major Peter "Oly" Jahns, of Cibolo, who died March 19, 2003, at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, Major Jahns was an instructor pilot assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command's 100th Flying Training Squadron; he lost his life in a tragic T-38 aircraft accident at Randolph Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Pete Jahns was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was a 1981 graduate of Memorial High School in Houston; after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in 1985, he began a career in pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi, and his first assignment was in the F-15 at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia; following the F-15 assignment, he continued instructing in Enid, Oklahoma, in the F-37; he earned master's degrees in aerospace engineering and international relations; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the Air Force from 1985 to 1998, he became a pilot for United Airlines and took a leave of absence shortly after September 11, 2001; he had joined the Air Force Reserve in 1999 and was initially assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base before being reassigned to Randolph; and

WHEREAS, His numerous military decorations included the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, and he was the Air Training Command's Instructor Pilot of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Pete was known for his highly adventurous spirit; he loved flying and climbing, but his favorite adventure was being with his family; he and his wife, Rhonda, took trips around the world together and went rock climbing, hang gliding, skydiving, parasailing, and white-water rafting; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Pete spent hours with his daughters, Alex and Allison, taking them to the neighborhood park and meticulously recording their accomplishments, their height and weight, their first haircut, and when they uttered their first words; the family had recently returned from a spring vacation in Colorado, and Pete had been preparing for a hiking trip on the Appalachian Trail; and

WHEREAS, An honorable and respected gentleman, Pete Jahns lived each day to the fullest, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, He 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 Major Peter Jahns: his wife, Rhonda Jahns; his children, Alex and Allison Jahns; his stepdaughter, Jenea Gibson; his parents, Hans and Suse Jahns; his sisters, Katrin, Heide, and Elke; his sisters-in-law, Denise and Wanda; and his brothers-in-law, Jeff, Malcom, and Andy; 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 Major Peter Jahns.

Wentworth

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