

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1049

In Memory
of
Quentin Ware Martin

WHEREAS, Quentin Ware Martin, chief water resources planner for the Lower Colorado River Authority and a nationally renowned expert in water resource planning, passed away on May 11, 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Dr. Martin significantly shaped the emerging science of water supply and drought management in Texas; he led the development of the first water management plan in the state in 1989 and the first drought management plan two years later; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in developing a regional long-term water plan under a statewide water resource planning process mandated by Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1997, he provided research, guidance, and administrative support to the Region K planning group, whose members represented multiple water supply interests throughout the Colorado River Basin; with his help, the group proposed an innovative and widely praised interregional water resource plan that would increase water supplies for both the Colorado River Basin and the San Antonio area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served as editor of the American Society of Civil Engineers' *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, one of the premier national and international professional publications in the field; in 2002, he received the society's Julian Hinds Award, which is given annually to an individual for notable performance, distinguished service, or engineering advancements related to water resource planning, development, and management; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served as a consultant to the United Nations, worked on water resource projects in Brazil, Spain, and India, and was an Eagle Scout and an avid sailor, scuba diver, historian, fossil collector, runner, and international traveler; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was an esteemed alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a doctoral degree in mechanical engineering and master's and bachelor's degrees in mathematics, with minors in physics and statistics; and

WHEREAS, A treasured and much-loved colleague and friend to many, Dr. Martin was kind to everyone and had a special gift of bringing people together, building common ground among those with different interests and views, and skillfully guiding even

the most heated negotiations on the basis of solid science and a compassion borne of caring deeply for the Colorado River Basin's natural resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the remarkable life and invaluable contributions of Quentin Ware Martin and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Patricia Martin; to his son, Shannon Martin; to his parents, Robert and Virginia Martin; to his brother, Neil Martin and his wife, Linda; to his colleagues at the Lower Colorado River Authority; and to all those who mourn the passing of this brilliant, good, and gentle man who dedicated his life to serving the public and protecting the region's precious water supplies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Quentin Ware Martin.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate