

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

In Memory
of
John E. Cook

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley in mourning the loss of John E. Cook, who died July 25, 2005, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Born in Ottawa, Kansas, John Cook grew up in Bellville and became a resident of San Carlos in 1978; he was a graduate of Washburn School of Law in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, John joined Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Incorporated, in 1976 as a Vista lawyer and dedicated his professional life to the task of ensuring that justice was available to all who sought it; he became a master of the intricacies of poverty law and an authority on matters of civil practice in the state courts; he was made branch manager in the Edinburg office in 1990; and

WHEREAS, He was a mentor to the younger lawyers at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and he gave voice to the poor and dispossessed with strength, integrity, and untiring determination; and

WHEREAS, John was a man of courage and compassion who was also noted for his endless good cheer; he gave generously of himself to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, John Cook lived his life to the fullest and 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, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John E. Cook: his wife, Susan "Lucy" Littrell; his children, Rachel Littrell Cook and Samuel Littrell Cook; his mother, Helen Cook; and his brothers, Dennis Cook and Jim Cook; and, be it further

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 John Cook.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 1, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate