

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

In Memory  
of  
The Honorable James Jay Kaster V

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin and El Paso in mourning the loss of the Honorable James Jay Kaster V, who died July 22, 2005, at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. Kaster V was born on July 4, 1933, in El Paso; he graduated in 1957 with honors from Texas Western College, now The University of Texas at El Paso, and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War; beginning in 1971, he served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives for four terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was the El Paso County tax assessor-collector and then served as the legislative liaison for Governor Clements from 1979 to 1983 and in 1987; he was appointed by the governor to the Industrial Accident Board, now the Workers' Compensation Commission, and was later appointed chairman of the Texas Employment Commission; after his retirement, he enjoyed driving a school bus for the Eanes Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was a past president of the El Paso Downtown Lions Club and of the Austin Founder Lions Club; he was a past district governor of Lions Clubs International, from which he received three awards, including the organization's highest honor, the Ambassador of Goodwill Award; in 1964, he was named El Paso's Outstanding Young Man; he also received the Gold Nugget Award from The University of Texas at El Paso School of Business in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, He was named chief of staff of the Confederate Air Force in Midland and served eight years as a member of its general staff; he was a member of the McDonald Observatory Board of Visitors for more than 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim served his state and his country with diligence, pride, and integrity and was noted for the enthusiasm with which he lived his life; he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Kaster 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

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Jay Kaster V: his sons, Jim Kaster VI, John Kaster, and Rustie Kaster; his daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Brad Pfluger, Laura and Tom Mathews, and Kathie Geary; his sister, Dr. Barbara Kaster; and his eight beloved grandchildren; 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 James Jay Kaster V.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 4, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate