

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

In Memory  
of  
Michael Bernard Wright

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Michael Bernard Wright, who died February 13, 2006, at the age of 67; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike was born January 10, 1939, in Laredo, where he attended Martin High School; he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University, and he was a member of the Corps of Cadets; and

**WHEREAS**, After his graduation, Mike was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, where he served as an astronomical surveyor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike moved with his family to Austin in 1969 and began work with Forrest & Cotton, Engineers; while with that firm, he helped supervise construction of the Pan American Highway in La Paz, Bolivia; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1980, Mike joined another Texas A&M University graduate, Roberto O. Martinez, and formed Martinez and Wright Engineers, Incorporated; he was active in the American Society of Civil Engineers and served as president of its Austin branch; he retired in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Catholic, Mike was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and he earned a master's degree in theology from Saint Mary's University in 2005; he was ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Austin and was assigned to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and he served as a volunteer with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for 36 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike enriched all who knew him with his love and compassion, his warmth and kindness, and his enthusiasm and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mike leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Michael Bernard Wright: his beloved wife of 42 years, Frances A. Wright; his daughters, Susan Sosa, Stephanie Cavender, Denise Martinez, and Jean Violetto; his twin brother, Patrick L. Wright; his brother, Edward V. Wright; his sister, Mary Paul Cowdrey; and his 10 grandchildren; 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 profound sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael Bernard Wright.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2006, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate