

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

In Memory  
of  
William Max Hale

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of William Max Hale, who died March 17, 2006, at the age of 70; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill grew up in the Texas Panhandle; he was a passionate civil rights advocate, and he worked at the Mobilization for Youth program with Michael Schwerner in New York and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the South; and

**WHEREAS**, Early in his career, Bill served as director and area coordinator of the Volunteers in Service to America program; he was head of the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission and was instrumental in the passage of the Texas Fair Housing Act and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act by the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill was the first executive director of the Texas Human Rights Commission, a position he held for 17 years; under his direction, the agency was able to obtain the first successful enforcement of fair housing laws against the Ku Klux Klan; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill received numerous national and international honors for his work and was recognized by the Texas Senate and the House of Representatives for his contributions to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, He served as chair of the Austin Human Rights Commission and as president of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Bill gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and countless 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 William Max Hale: his wife, Karen; his son, Mathis Hale; his daughter, Lisa Coody; and his grandchildren, Britton, Paige, and Jace; 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 William Max Hale.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate