

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 213

In Memory  
of  
James Douglas Shear, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of James Douglas Shear, Jr., who died April 12, 2006, at the age of 53; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Shear was a strong advocate for equality in educational opportunities for all of Texas' children, and he was instrumental in the development of the bill to equalize funding for education; and

**WHEREAS**, He was born in Fort Worth on July 27, 1952, and he was an alumnus of Fort Worth's Paschal High School; he moved to Austin in 1970 to attend The University of Texas, and his love of politics and interest in government led him to a part-time job with Secretary of State Bob Bullock; he would have a 30-year working relationship with Bob Bullock, especially on issues pertaining to funding for education; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1984, he was selected to head the comptroller's fiscal research staff in devising new finance solutions as part of the Select Committee on Public Education chaired by H. Ross Perot; and

**WHEREAS**, After leaving state service in 1989, he joined the law firm that is now Ray, Wood, and Bonilla as director of client services; he was also a tax policy consultant and legislative liaison for the Equity Center and the Texas Association of School Boards; in June, 2002, he was a recipient of the Champions of Equity Award from the Equity Center for his commitment to quality and equity in Texas public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Shear, through his intellect, his steadfast dedication, his perseverance, and his hard work, had a long-lasting impact on the educational system of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted father, son, and brother, 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, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Douglas Shear, Jr.: his mother, Ruth Justin Shear; his daughter, Logan Elizabeth Shear; his sister, Linda Rieber; and his brother, Douglass Shear; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Douglas Shear, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2006, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate