

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing one of its most respected members, Senator Ken Armbrister, for his 23 years of exceptional leadership in the legislature and his immeasurable contributions on behalf of his fellow Texans and the citizens of Southeast Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A resourceful lawmaker with a masterful command of parliamentary procedure, Senator Armbrister has been honored as one of the Best Legislators in Texas and has been recognized by law enforcement organizations, teacher and education associations, the Texas Chambers of Commerce and Business, and health care groups for his legislative leadership and his faithful service to the people of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A former City of Victoria police captain, Senator Armbrister began his illustrious service in the legislature after his election to the Texas House of Representatives in 1983; he joined the Texas Senate in 1987, and during his tenure, he has served as president pro tempore and as acting governor; he has served as chairman of the Natural Resources, Criminal Justice, State Affairs, and Intergovernmental Relations Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Armbrister is noted for his authorship of the landmark legislation that created the Edwards Aquifer Authority and solidified the regional water needs for a 26-county area of South Texas; he has served on the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislative Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Armbrister was appointed to the Task Force on Homeland Security, the Governor's Anti-Crime Commission, and the Texas Water Advisory Council; he is currently a member of the Senate Committees on Business and Commerce, Health and Human Services, State Affairs, and Transportation and Homeland Security; and

**WHEREAS**, An exceptionally effective legislator, Senator Armbrister has been honored by the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University with its highest award, The Defensor Pacem, for his achievements in law enforcement and his outstanding legislative record on crime issues; and

**WHEREAS**, During his career as a lawmaker, Senator Armbrister has enjoyed the support of his wife, Susie; his son, Shane; and his daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Gregg Hnath; he now enjoys the companionship of his grandchildren, Payton and Hayden; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Armbrister has contributed sound judgment and a wide range of experience to Senate deliberations; he has

consistently upheld the highest standards of public service, and his cheerful spirit and warm presence in the Senate will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Ken Armbrister for his invaluable service to the State of Texas and for his many accomplishments in the legislature and express deepest appreciation to him for his dedicated work on behalf of the people of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Senator Armbrister as an expression of highest regard and esteem from his colleagues in the Texas Senate.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate