

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 258

In Memory  
of  
Richard Clark Cilley

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Richard Clark Cilley, who died April 30, 2006, at the age of 55; and

**WHEREAS**, Born May 9, 1950, in New York City, Richard graduated from Ball High School in Galveston; he moved to Austin in 1970 and graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 1973; he later returned to the university to earn a master's degree in classics, which he received in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of many talents who had a passion for many things, Richard sought knowledge throughout his life; he believed in the intrinsic value of studying the classics and strove to apply the lessons of classical civilizations to the questions raised by modern life; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard's career in business reflected his wide array of interests; whether he was working as a historian, a translator, or a vice president of national sales helping his company grow to become an industry leader, his pursuit of knowledge drove his achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard was well known for the meals he would prepare for his friends and family, but even more so for the conversation and hospitality that accompanied those meals; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard served on the parish council of Saint Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church; his religion sustained him as he sought the answers to life's questions, and he embraced the journey itself and avoided the easy answer; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and endless curiosity, Richard gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and vitality will not be forgotten by those who knew him; 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 Richard Clark Cilley: his wife of 33 years, Barbara Higgins Cilley; his mother, Louise Bowne Cilley; and his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Cilley Bledsoe and Billy Bledsoe; 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 Richard Clark Cilley.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate