

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 244**

**In Memory  
of  
James M. Allison**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Woodville in mourning the loss of James M. "Jim" Allison, who died January 25, 2005, at the age of 60; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Allison was born on July 17, 1944, to Harold Eugene Allison, Sr., and Dorothea Morgan Allison; he began his education in a two-room school at Hillister and graduated in 1962 from Kirby High School; he attended Baylor University and earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a law degree in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, After law school, Jim became a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; in 1971, he returned to Woodville, where he practiced law and established Woodville Abstract and Title Company; and

**WHEREAS**, A widely respected community leader, Jim Allison served on the Woodville City Council and was county attorney for Tyler County and city attorney for Colmesneil and for Woodville; and

**WHEREAS**, He participated in numerous civic and professional organizations and held memberships in the State Bar of Texas, Tyler County Bar Association, and Tyler County Board of Realtors; a former member of the Lion's Club and the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, he also coached Little League in Tyler County; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout member of First Baptist Church, Jim served as a trustee, a deacon, and a Sunday school teacher; he sang in the sanctuary choir and was part of the "kitchen cleanup crew" with AWANA; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Allison was known as a quiet, gentle man who loved his family, cherished his friends, and respected others; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James M. Allison: his wife of 36 years, Beth Allen Allison; his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Jay Kenesson; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Marilyn Allison; his brother, Harold E. Allison, Jr.; his sister, Karen Crosby; and his devoted grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy

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from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James M. Allison.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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