

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 318

In Memory
of
William Alton Willms

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of William Alton "Bill" Willms, who died December 29, 2004, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Bill Willms was born in Graham, Texas, on January 30, 1948; he was an outstanding high school athlete but turned down athletic scholarships to other colleges to attend The University of Texas; he graduated with honors in 1973 and earned a law degree from the university in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a prosecutor in Harris County and Travis County before going into private practice in Austin in 1985; known for his legal acumen and his skillful mastery of debate, he was a formidable opponent in the courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Those who knew Bill will long remember him for his boundless intellectual curiosity and the unparalleled intensity with which he embraced life, whether he was discussing philosophy or racing down Ranch Road 2222 on his favorite motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and son, 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 commemorate the life of William Alton Willms

and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Cynthia Bell; his sons, Christopher and Blake; his mother, Mary Jane Willms; his brother, James Michael; his sister, Marianne Duquette; and his grandchildren, Corwin Alton John and Hunter Jameson Willms; and, be it further

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 William Alton Willms.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate