

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 365

In Memory
of
Clifford Neal Knox

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Clifford Neal Knox, a former vice president of the National Rifle Association, who died January 17, 2005, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Clifford Neal Knox was born on June 20, 1935, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma; he spent most of his early years in Texas and attended Abilene Christian College; and

WHEREAS, He served eight years in the Texas National Guard and worked in the insurance business and the oil business in the early days of his career; he was a reporter for the *Vernon Daily Record* and the *Wichita Falls Times and Record News* and was a freelance writer for several gun magazines; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Neal realized his dream of becoming a full-time writer about guns when he became the founding editor of *Gun Week* newspaper; he took over as editor of *Handloader* magazine a few years later and oversaw the creation of *Rifle* magazine; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, he moved to Washington, D.C., to wholly commit himself to the cause of gun rights; he served for four years as executive director of the Institute for Legislative Action, the lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, he became chairman of the Firearms Coalition and dedicated himself to writing, speaking, and lobbying for the development and support of grassroots gun rights organizations; throughout his life, he competed in, and often won, competitions in virtually every shooting discipline; he was also an accomplished pilot and held instrument and multiengine ratings; and

WHEREAS, He handled the adversity in his life the way he lived, with unwavering courage and discipline; a man of integrity, strength, and generosity, he was an inspiration to others, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Neal Knox lived his life to the fullest and 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 Clifford Neal Knox: his wife, Jay Janen Knox;

his children, Christopher, Shan, Jeffrey, and Stacey; and his seven 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 from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Neal Knox.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate