

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 985

In Memory
of
Thomas Edgar Jackson

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of Beaumont in mourning the loss of Thomas Edgar Jackson, who died March 27, 2005, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jackson was born April 4, 1952; he was a fifth-generation Texan and a lifelong resident of Beaumont; after graduating from Lamar University, he began a career in farming and ranching, which included managing a 1000-acre rice, soybean, and cattle operation; he was the general manager of the Jefferson County Waterway and Navigation District; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member of his community and a longtime advocate for navigational improvements of the Sabine-Neches Ship Channel; he was chairman of the Sabine Neches Waterway Safety Advisory Council and served on key waterway committees of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Tom began working to develop water districts as early as 1982, when he served as president of the board of directors of the Meeker Municipal Water District; he was also active with the Jefferson County Independent Cattleman's Association and served as president of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the board of the Beaumont Production Credit Association and was instrumental in the merger of the association with the East Texas association; from 1991 to 1995, he was Legislative Affairs representative for the Farm Credit Administration's 10th Farm District; in 1992, he was one of five rice producers selected nationwide to participate in the USA Rice Council Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Tom Jackson had a positive impact on the lives of many citizens in the Beaumont community, but he is best known as a dedicated family man; the father of three children, he was deeply involved with their education and athletic pursuits; he served on parent-teacher association boards and worked with youth sports organizations; his greatest joy was coaching his sons' baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, A visionary leader and a highly respected gentleman, Tom Jackson was noted for his reliability, his dedication to any project he began, and his enthusiasm for life; 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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Thomas Edgar Jackson: his wife, Kathleen Jackson; his children, Tommy, Kit, and Thea Jackson; his mother, Marta Sue Stagg; and his twin sister, Susan Myers; 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 Tom Jackson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate