

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 522

In Memory  
of  
Robert Barnes

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of former Nueces County Judge Robert Barnes, who died March 12, 2007, at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Barnes served Nueces County for 36 continuous years; he will be remembered for his dry wit and fiscally conservative ways and for his encyclopedic knowledge of county government and his pragmatic approach to county business; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Barnes began his career in the county government in 1958 when he was 29 and, at the time, was the youngest person to serve on the commissioners court; he served three terms as a county commissioner, and he was elected Nueces County Judge in 1970; he was a county judge for 24 years; and

**WHEREAS**, A well-known civic leader, Judge Barnes served as president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, as chairman of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, and as the first chairman of the Nueces County Appraisal District; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Barnes was an insightful and dedicated public servant, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to know him; and

**WHEREAS**, 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, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Robert Barnes: his wife of more than 50 years, Mary Barnes; his sons, John O. Barnes and Robert A. Barnes; his daughter, Martha Barnes Nelson; his sister, Mildred Zimmerman; and his two 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 Robert Barnes.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate