

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 623

In Memory
of
Alton Brooks Laws, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Mustang Ridge and Lockhart in mourning the loss of Judge Alton Brooks Laws, Jr., who recently passed away at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Alton Laws was born January 13, 1926, in Mendoza, Texas; he graduated from Austin High School in 1944 and enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Germany during his time in the military; and

WHEREAS, While attending The University of Texas at Austin, he met his future wife, Joyce, and they were married on April 9, 1949; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business from the university, and in 1950 he began a career with the J.C. Penney Company that took him to various cities around the country; and

WHEREAS, His work eventually brought him back to Austin, where he opened the J.C. Penney store at Barton Creek Square Mall, from which he retired in 1986; through the years, he was active in many civic and charitable organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary International, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Cancer Society, and he served on the board of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District for eight years; and

WHEREAS, In 1985 Judge Laws and his cousin Charles Laws incorporated the City of Mustang Ridge, where he was elected the first mayor, municipal judge, and state magistrate; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, kindness, and compassion will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Judge Laws was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Judge Alton Brooks Laws, Jr.: his wife of 58 years, Joyce; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda Laws Cooper and Jim Cooper; his sons and daughters-in-law, Alton Brooks Laws III and his wife, Pam, and Larry Lee Laws and his wife, Terri; his grandchildren, Michelle Gist, Tiffany Stubbings, Jimmy Cooper, Kim Pendergraft,

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Karen Layhew, Kellie Casino, David Laws, Michael Laws, and Heather Laws; his great-grandchildren, Cade and Preston Gist, Gavin Stubbings, Dylan, Trent, and Kayce Layhew, Jaxx Casino, Mallori Hardgrove Laws, Larry Brooks Laws, and Ryne Laws; and his sister, Katheryn Laws Norwood; 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 Alton Brooks Laws, Jr.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate