

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 1602

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of attorney William Dean Peisen
2 on April 9, 2009, at the age of 51, has deeply saddened the Rio
3 Grande Valley community and brought a great loss to his family and
4 friends; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Jo Anne and George Peisen, Bill Peisen was
6 born on October 10, 1957, in Eldora, Iowa; he graduated from Iowa
7 State University with a bachelor's degree in economics and went on
8 to law school there, serving on the board of editors of the Iowa Law
9 Review and graduating with distinction; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Peisen was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1983 and
11 to the bar of the United States District Court for the Southern
12 District of Texas the following year; board certified in civil
13 trial law, he focused his successful solo practice on civil trial
14 and appellate law with an emphasis on commercial litigation, and he
15 was greatly respected for his knowledge, his professionalism, and
16 his confident and courteous manner in the courtroom; and

17 WHEREAS, A dedicated civic leader, he served on the board of
18 the McAllen Independent School District from 1996 to 2002,
19 including one year as president; moreover, he gave generously of
20 his time and talent for many years to the McAllen Youth Soccer
21 League and to various school activities; he served on the board of
22 the McAllen Airport and provided his legal counsel to St. John's
23 Episcopal School on a pro bono basis; and

24 WHEREAS, Known as a true gentleman, Bill Peisen won many

1 friends with his warmth, kindness, and delightful sense of humor,
2 and memories of him will be forever cherished by those who were
3 privileged to share in his love and affection; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill Peisen and extend
6 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Val
7 Peisen; to his children, Marty, Grant, Lisa Marie, Alex, and
8 Jessica; to his father, George Peisen; to his brother, John Peisen,
9 and his wife, Mary; to his father-in-law, Joe LaMantia, Jr., and his
10 wife, Derrelene; to his brothers-in-law, Joe LaMantia III and his
11 wife, Marilyn, Greg LaMantia and his wife, Dru, Steve LaMantia and
12 his wife, Linda, and Tony LaMantia and his wife, Jennifer; and to
13 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill
17 Peisen.