

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

In Memory
of
James Brunkenhoefer

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United Transportation Union national legislative director James "Brokenrail" Brunkenhoefer, who died December 19, 2008, at the age of 61; and

WHEREAS, James Brunkenhoefer was born in Texas on July 23, 1947, and began his railroad career in 1966 as a trainman for the Southern Pacific Transportation Company on the Dallas-Sabine District; he was promoted to engineer in 1971 and held seniority in train and engine service crafts over those Union Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, He was elected vice chairperson of United Transportation Union Local 83 in Houston in 1969; he served as local president, vice president, legislative representative, delegate, organizer, and member of the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, He was named alternate Texas state legislative director in 1980 and state director in 1982; he was elected national legislative director at the union's quadrennial convention in 1987 and was reelected to the position five times; and

WHEREAS, James Brunkenhoefer was a highly respected gentleman who was widely acclaimed as one of the most effective persons in his field; he will be greatly missed by his family, his colleagues, and his friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of James Brunkenhoefer and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved wife, Judy Sinkin; 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 James Brunkenhoefer.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate