

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

In Memory  
of  
Hughes Butterworth, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of business owner and philanthropist Hughes Butterworth, Jr., who died December 29, 2008, at the age of 77; and

**WHEREAS**, Hughes Butterworth was born in Newport News, Virginia, on October 3, 1931; he moved to El Paso when he was a child; he graduated from Austin High School and earned a bachelor's degree in biological science from Texas Western College, now The University of Texas at El Paso; he was recognized among the university's distinguished alumni in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, He founded Lawyers Title of El Paso in 1974 and served as chief executive officer and president; he was regarded as a pioneer of the land-title industry in El Paso and had trained many people now working in the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Butterworth was a dedicated volunteer and civic leader who served on the boards of directors of numerous organizations, including United Way of El Paso and the El Paso Museum of History Foundation; he also served with Hospice of El Paso and the American Cancer Society; he was president of the El Paso County Historical Society and was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the El Paso chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars; and

**WHEREAS**, A lifelong Episcopalian, he lived his Christian faith in his daily life and served as an elder and senior warden at Saint Francis on the Hill Church; he leaves a legacy of service and accomplishments that will be long remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured for years to come by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Hughes Butterworth, Jr.: his wife, Sharon Swift Butterworth; his children and their spouses, Charles Hughes Butterworth, and his wife, Julie; Cynthia Anne Gallagher, and her husband, Claiborne; Raymond Dale Espersen, and his wife, Lorna; Carolyn ReAnn Gonzalez, and her husband, Steve; and Samuel Hughes Butterworth III, and his wife, Jenny; his sister, Elizabeth Seckler; his brothers, George Butterworth and John Butterworth; and his seven grandchildren; and, be it further

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**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 Hughes Butterworth, Jr.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate