

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 420

In Memory
of
Gerald Joseph Miller

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin and Pflugerville in mourning the loss of Gerald Joseph Miller, who died February 21, 2009, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Born January 9, 1944, in New Haven, Connecticut, Jerry Miller grew up in East Haven and joined the United States Navy at the age of 18; he graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1969 and moved to Austin to attend The University of Texas; he became an avid follower of the sports programs of both universities; and

WHEREAS, Jerry had a successful career as a schoolteacher at Dobie Middle School, where he taught speech, drama, multimedia studies, and English for 19 years and also served as an assistant volleyball coach; a naturally gifted teacher, he was known for his popular classes and for his creativity, his sense of humor, and his sincere interest in his students; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from teaching, he was active in the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance; his efforts on behalf of the organization included giving presentations and encouraging the public to consider organ donation; his own experience as a transplant recipient lent particular emphasis to his advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was noted for his engaging personality and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; he was a man of

integrity and generosity who gave selflessly of his time and energy; and

WHEREAS, He was a source of strength to others and was beloved by his family and friends, and he leaves behind memories that will be deeply treasured by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gerald Joseph Miller: his mother, Mary Miller; his daughter and son-in-law, Bethany Miller Metzger and Billy; his son and daughter-in-law, Sean Miller and Jennifer; and his sisters, Nancy Leary and Maureen Dilk; 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 Jerry Miller.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate