

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 908

In Memory  
of  
James Franklin Warren, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Huntsville and Texans across the state in commemorating the life of James Franklin Warren, Jr., who died August 7, 2008, at the age of 42; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Warren was born in Houston on December 19, 1965, to Merle Whittaker Warren and James F. "Bud" Warren; he moved with his family to Navasota in 1967, and Jim was introduced to the East Texas culture and small-town family values that remained a part of him throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS**, When Jim was seven years old, his family moved to Huntsville, where his father served as a state district judge; as a student at Huntsville High School, Jim wrote sports articles for *The Huntsville Item* and earned state championship awards in writing; he later attended The University of Texas at Austin and wrote for *The Daily Texan* and *Third Coast Magazine*; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1987, he was hired by Texas Secretary of State Jack Raines to serve as his press secretary; soon thereafter, his talent became much in demand by many in the world of Texas politics, and he served as an advisor for numerous state leaders, including the late Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Pete Laney; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim became a highly successful lobbyist who was known for his high standards and his knowledge of legislative rules and process; after he became ill in 2005, however, he returned to writing and became famous for his Internet web log "Billy Clyde's Political Hot Tub Party"; Jim's lifelong ambition was to serve on the state parole board following his career as a lobbyist; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was respected for his brilliant mind and talent and was beloved for his sense of humor, his wisdom, and his folksy and engaging personality; he loved people and politics and was noted across the state for his wizardry with words; and

**WHEREAS**, A source of strength and joy to his family and friends, Jim will long be remembered with deep affection and appreciation 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 James Franklin Warren, Jr.; 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 Jim Warren.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate