

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 955

**In Memory
of
Scott Alan Ozmun**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin and Travis County in mourning the loss of the Honorable Scott Alan Ozmun, who died May 8, 2009, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, A state district judge and longtime prominent Austin attorney, Scott Ozmun served his community and his profession with distinction, dedication, and a clear sense of justice and fairness; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ozmun was born September 30, 1958, in Cleveland, Ohio; he attended Georgetown University, where he served as student body president, and he graduated with honors from The University of Texas School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from law school, Judge Ozmun served as a briefing attorney for Justice William Kilgarlin of the Texas Supreme Court before joining the firm where he spent his entire private practice career of more than 20 years; he served as president of the boards of Volunteer Legal Services, the Legal Aid Society of Central Texas, and the Austin Young Lawyers Association, as well as on the boards of the Austin Bar Association and the Texas Trial Lawyers Association; at the time of his death, he was president-elect of the Austin Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ozmun devoted his law practice to civil trial law, where he was committed to giving a voice to individuals who were taking on larger interests in the pursuit of justice; he was dedicated to winning for his clients, and he insisted that victory be pursued with honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ozmun was active in local politics for many years, beginning his participation as a volunteer in a state representative race in 1984; he went on to serve two terms as chair of the Travis County Democratic Party; in 2008, he was elected to the 353rd District Court, realizing a dream he had long held; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ozmun lived much of his life under the shadow of cancer; first diagnosed at the age of 17, he nevertheless maintained a sense of equanimity and optimism in the face of uncertainty, always refusing to allow doubt to stand in the way of his goals; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Judge Ozmun inspired all who knew him with his generosity, his warmth, and his dauntless spirit; and

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WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and his family and countless friends will long cherish the memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Scott Ozmun: his wife of 20 years, Beth Collum Ozmun; his daughters, Delaney Elizabeth and Kendall Lynne Ozmun; his parents, Bob and Peggy Ozmun; and his brother, Randy Ozmun; 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 the Honorable Scott Alan Ozmun.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate