

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officials and employees of state government lost an
2 admired and respected friend with the passing of longtime
3 Legislative Budget Board employee Val Shepperd of Austin on August
4 22, 2010, at the age of 50; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on November 8, 1959, in Graham and raised in
6 Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, Val Shepperd graduated from Kansas
7 State University in 1982 and from Auburn University in 1984,
8 earning bachelor's and master's degrees in biology; after
9 graduation, he went to work in the Dominican Republic and Indonesia
10 as an aquatic biologist for USAID projects; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Shepperd later returned to Texas and joined the
12 staff of the LBB as an analyst in 1998, and his ability to see the
13 big picture while paying close attention to detail later earned him
14 a promotion as manager of the public safety and criminal justice
15 team; well-known in the legislative and criminal justice
16 communities for the depth of his knowledge, he was also appreciated
17 for his warm and caring personality; and

18 WHEREAS, Outside the office, Mr. Shepperd was a nature lover
19 and outdoorsman, and he delighted in scuba diving, kayaking, and
20 taking trips to Big Bend National Park and Olympic National Park;
21 with his partner of eight years, Colleen, he also traveled the
22 world, visiting Thailand, the Cayman Islands, Mexico, Costa Rica,
23 Bonaire, Australia, Canada, Egypt, and Jordan; and

24 WHEREAS, During his time on this earth, Val Shepperd lived a

1 life rich in adventure and accomplishment, and he will always be
2 remembered with great affection by all those who were privileged to
3 know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Val Shepperd and
6 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
7 mother, Pat; to his brothers, Scott, Dan, Mark, and Corey; to his
8 sister, Vicki; to his soul mate and partner, Colleen; and to his
9 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Val
13 Shepperd.

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Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
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Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
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Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
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H.R. No. 498

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 498 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 3, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House