

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 481

In Memory
of
Val Shepperd

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

WHEREAS, Born on November 8, 1959, in Graham and raised in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, Val Shepperd graduated from Kansas State University in 1982 and from Auburn University in 1984, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in biology; after graduation, he went to work in the Dominican Republic and Indonesia as an aquatic biologist working on projects for the United States Agency for International Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepperd later returned to Texas and joined the staff of the Legislative Budget Board as an analyst in 1998, and his ability to see the big picture while paying close attention to detail later earned him a promotion to the position of manager of the public safety and criminal justice team; well known in the legislative community for the depth of his knowledge, he was also appreciated for his warm and caring personality; and

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

WHEREAS, During his time on this earth, Val Shepperd lived a life rich in adventure and accomplishment, and he will always be remembered with great affection by all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Val Shepperd.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate