

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 903

In Memory
of
Joe Roach, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Joe Roach, Jr., who died April 18, 2011, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Joe Roach was born May 11, 1961, in Richmond, Virginia; he moved to Houston with his family as a young child and went on to graduate with high honors from Clear Creek High School; he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was selected to attend both Boys State and Boys Nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roach graduated *summa cum laude* from Graceland University in Iowa with a bachelor's degree in business administration; he later earned a law degree from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and joined the Harris County District Attorney's Office, where he amassed an impressive record, losing only one case in seven years; and

WHEREAS, Following his service in the district attorney's office, Mr. Roach was elected to the Houston city council and served with distinction for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roach engaged in the private practice of law for more than 20 years as a trial lawyer, receiving many awards for his exemplary service, including Houston Young Lawyer of the Year, and he received five Outstanding Young Houstonian awards and five Outstanding Young Texan awards; and

WHEREAS, Active in community affairs, Mr. Roach was an advocate for Little People of America and gave generously of his time and energy to Goodwill Industries, the Briarwood School, and Annunciation Orthodox School; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted son, husband, and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Joe Roach, Jr.: his wife of 25 years, Becky; his children, Ross, Sherry, and Will; and his parents, Joe Roach, Sr., and Sherry Roach; 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 Joe Roach, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate