

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1047

In Memory  
of  
Hal Box

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Hal Box of Austin, who died May 8, 2011, at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS**, A well-known architect, educator, and author, Hal Box was founder and first dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design at The University of Texas at Arlington and dean emeritus of the School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, After having served in the Korean War with the United States Navy, Hal Box returned to Texas and began practicing architecture and urban design as a partner in the firm of Pratt, Box, and Henderson in Dallas; he distinguished himself as a leader and visionary in his field with an extensive body of work in Dallas and Austin and with university buildings in California, Oregon, New Mexico, and Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, His role as an educator and mentor began formally in 1971 when he was recruited to start the School of Architecture and Environmental Design at The University of Texas at Arlington; he moved to The University of Texas at Austin and became dean of its School of Architecture in 1976, invigorating the program and bringing it to national prominence; he and his beloved wife of 35 years were recently honored by the university when it named the School of Architecture courtyard the Eden and Hal Box Courtyard; and

**WHEREAS**, He was noted for his indomitable spirit and the enthusiasm with which he infused everything he did; as dean, he

was known for his openness, accessibility, and willingness to support students who wanted to design their own program and move away from conventional thinking; he was greatly admired and respected by students, colleagues, and friends alike; and

**WHEREAS,** He was active in many professional associations and was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and he contributed significantly to his profession through his authorship or coauthorship of several books that advanced research in the field of architecture and made it accessible to a wider audience; and

**WHEREAS,** Hal Box was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by his family and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Hal Box and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; 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 Hal Box.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate