

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1244

In Memory
of
Kent Butler

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Kent Butler, who died May 13, 2011, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Kent Butler was an exemplary citizen whose groundbreaking work on habitat conservation furthered the goal of bringing environmental science to the field of urban planning and whose foresight and vision on water issues helped guide regional water development efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler had worked at The University of Texas at Austin since 1978, where he was an associate dean of the Community and Regional Planning Program in the School of Architecture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler played a vital role in the creation of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, which has set a standard for habitat conservation and is one of the largest urban preserves in the country; he also helped formulate the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer groundwater conservation district, the tangible markers of which are the signs throughout Austin that delineate the limits of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his down-to-earth demeanor, his passion for the profession of teaching, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and although he will be deeply missed by his family and countless friends, he will continue to live in their hearts and minds for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Kent Butler: his wife, Christy; his children, Lana, Emily, and Josh Butler, and Nick Kincaid; his brother, Bruce Butler; and his sister, Lind Butler; 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 Kent Butler.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate