

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

In Memory
of
Maurice Michael Sharlot

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Maurice Michael Sharlot, who died June 22, 2013, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Mike Sharlot was born on October 7, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York; he grew up in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and the small town of Delaware Water Gap on the Delaware River; he graduated valedictorian from Stroudsburg High School and worked his way through Antioch College, where he met the love of his life, Susan Siegel; and

WHEREAS, After their marriage, they went to Melbourne, Australia, where Mike had a Fulbright Scholarship; he went on to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, work for a Washington, D.C., law firm, and join the legal ranks of the Peace Corps; in 1969, he moved to Texas to become a professor at The University of Texas School of Law; he quickly became an expert in criminal law and evidence and was one of the primary drafters of the original Texas Rules of Evidence; he was a highly respected and popular professor and was known for his quick wit and mastery of the Socratic method; and

WHEREAS, He was named dean of the law school in 1995, and during his tenure, he famously fought to maintain the school's student diversity during a time of turbulence; at the end of his term, he returned to full-time teaching and remained a valued asset to the law school until his retirement in 2007; and

WHEREAS, While renowned for his brilliance and legal expertise, he also was known for his generous spirit and his treasured role in the Austin community; his hospitality was legendary, and throughout his life, he was noted for warmly welcoming people to his home and for his love of laughter, conversation, and intellectual discourse; and

WHEREAS, He was an exemplary gentleman with courtly manners and an engaging personality; he had enormous compassion for others, a wonderful sense of humor, and boundless charisma; he was devoted to his wife of 56 years, Susan, and took great pride in his two children and his three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mike Sharlot was beloved by many, and he will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Maurice Michael Sharlot; 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 Mike Sharlot.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 9, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate