

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

**In Memory
of
Colin Coe**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin and Plainview in mourning the loss of Colin Coe, who died July 27, 2013, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Colin Coe was born on September 15, 1949; in the 1970s and 1980s, he operated a private livestock business and worked for Southwestern Grain, Incorporated, in Plainview; he earned a degree from Texas Tech University in 1992, and he graduated with honors from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Colin was a longtime highly valued staff member of the Texas Legislature; his career spanned more than 15 years and included service with the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Sunset Advisory Commission, the Office of Senator Royce West, and the Office of Representative Marisa Márquez; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of a decade as general counsel for Senator West, he provided astute legal advice and legislative analysis and was responsible for all budget and finance issues; he was highly respected for his encyclopedic knowledge of the budget process and was noted for possessing a legislative prowess second to none; and

WHEREAS, As chief of staff in the Office of Representative Márquez, he was a valued mentor to his co-workers, with whom he shared much of his extensive knowledge of both legislative proceedings and the appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years of legislative service, he was noted for his wisdom, experience, commitment to the law, and dedication to the welfare of legislative constituents; he was also beloved by all who serve in the Capitol for his convivial spirit, wry wit, and engaging personality; and

WHEREAS, He was an exemplary gentleman in the truest sense of the phrase, and he was an intelligent, bighearted person who was respected for his high standards and his accomplishments; he was devoted to his wife, Cheryl, his daughter and two sons, and his six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A treasured Texas citizen and public servant, Colin Coe will be greatly missed by his family and friends and by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Colin Coe; 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 Colin Coe.

West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 5, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate