

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

In Memory
of
James Andrew Bridges

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Mansfield in mourning the loss of James Andrew Bridges, who died December 20, 2012, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bridges was born December 21, 1931, in Cleburne; he graduated from Texas Wesleyan College, where he met Mary Helen Wakefield, the woman who would be his wife and the love of his life; they were blessed with three children, who provided them much happiness and joy; and

WHEREAS, The couple founded Jim Bridges Sporting Goods and managed the business for 30 years and Jim also owned and managed Forest Hill Swim Club; the couple enjoyed spending time at their lake house and their annual vacations to Lake City, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and hobbies, Jim enjoyed fly-fishing, gardening, and canning fresh vegetables; he was devoted to his family, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life; and

WHEREAS, He was an exemplary gentleman who was noted for his generous spirit and good-naturedness, and he was respected in the community for his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity and strong character, Jim Bridges was beloved by many, and he will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by those who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Andrew Bridges; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Jim Bridges.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate