

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

In Memory
of
Carl Pendergrass

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Carl Pendergrass, who died January 13, 2013, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Carl Pendergrass was born October 29, 1943, in Victoria; he was a 1961 graduate of Palacios High School, where he was a standout athlete and member of the football team; he went on to attend Texas A&M University and earn a bachelor's degree while proudly serving in the Corps of Cadets; and

WHEREAS, He married Carol Halamicek Pendergrass in 1965, and the couple raised four children, who were a source of much pride and joy and who blessed them with 12 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pendergrass earned a degree from South Texas College of Law in 1969 and entered into the practice of law; he served as county attorney for Val Verde County for a time before returning to private practice; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed by Governor George W. Bush to serve as presiding judge of the 83rd Judicial District Court of Texas on October 29, 1999; Judge Pendergrass served on the bench with distinction until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Judge Pendergrass was active in numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Val Verde Hospital Board, the Del Rio Housing Authority, the Lions Club, the Elks Lodge, and the 4-H Club; he served as Worshipful Master of Val Verde Masonic Lodge 646 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pendergrass was a dedicated outdoorsman, pilot, and racehorse enthusiast who lived life to the fullest; he gave unselfishly to others, and his warmth, his wisdom, and his wise counsel will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Carl Pendergrass; 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 Carl Pendergrass.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate