

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

In Memory
of
Robert Mitchell Wilson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the residents of Brownwood and Arlington in mourning the loss of Robert Mitchell Wilson, who died January 16, 2013, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born July 2, 1943, into a highly creative family, Mitch Wilson was a devoted educator throughout his life; he received his bachelor of arts degree from Howard Payne College and later attained a master's degree in painting from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

WHEREAS, While he was a college student, Mr. Wilson earned the respect of his community for his diverse talents; he loved virtually all disciplines of art and excelled in set design, parade float design, dance, painting, and the direction and promotion of talent shows; and

WHEREAS, After a stint in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, Mr. Wilson resumed his commitment to art upon his return to Arlington; there, he became a beloved arts teacher at Carter Junior High School and then at Gunn Junior High School, where he started the school's art department; Mr. Wilson consistently supported the Arlington Arts League's annual scholarship program and became known as the "Voice of Art Education"; and

WHEREAS, By the time the venerable teacher retired in January of 2010, he had instructed more than 6,000 students; an estimated 200 friends and supporters attended a celebration in

his honor at the Arlington Museum of Art, and he received well wishes from former First Lady Laura Bush; and

WHEREAS, During his teaching career, Mr. Wilson received many honors, including Texas Art Educator of the Year and the Arlington Arts League's Linda Cordova Memorial Award; he proudly held a place on the Arlington Independent School District Wall of Fame, and he was a past president of the Arlington Arts League and a past board member of the Arlington Museum of Art; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Robert Mitchell Wilson; 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 honor of Mitch Wilson.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate