

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 307

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bill Hankins on his retirement from an illustrious 62-year career in newspaper publishing; and

**WHEREAS**, This dedicated sportswriter, reporter, and editor retired at the end of January 2013, at the age of 75; his first published article appeared in the *Bowie News* when he was just 13 years old, and he has shared his talents with the newspaper industry ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, A talented student at Bowie High School, Mr. Hankins co-edited and took photographs for the school's newspaper and yearbook; he then studied journalism at North Texas State University; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduation, Mr. Hankins took a sportswriting job at the *Wichita Falls Times-Record News*; in 1966, the *Dallas Times Herald* hired him; he became an assistant editor under future legend Jim Lehrer and was eventually promoted to city editor for the Dallas daily, directing some 50 reporters; and

**WHEREAS**, While Mr. Hankins was enjoying an early retirement in rural Roxton, the *Paris News* coaxed him back to the beat in 1992; he worked as a reporter and then as managing editor for the paper, stepping down in 2000 to concentrate solely on writing; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hankins has given his life to keeping communities abreast of important news events, and he has received numerous awards, including honors from the Associated Press Media Editors; this consummate newspaperman will long be remembered for his steadfast commitment to writing, reporting, and the pursuit of truth; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Bill Hankins on the occasion of his retirement from the newspaper industry and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 25, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate