

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 403

In Memory
of
John P. Vittas

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of John P. Vittas, who died February 11, 2013, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, John Vittas was born October 16, 1944, in Queens, New York; he attended Brooklyn Technical High School, where he was a standout player on the school's New York City football championship team in 1960; he went on to graduate from C. W. Post College of Long Island University with a degree in industrial management and engineering; and

WHEREAS, While attending college, Mr. Vittas met the love of his life, Wendy, and the couple married in 1968; they shared 44 years of marriage together and raised three daughters, Jennifer, Melissa, and Amy; they were blessed with nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vittas enjoyed a long and productive career with American Airlines; he began his career as a passenger service agent at New York's LaGuardia Airport and rose through a series of management positions to become manager of freight services at John F. Kennedy International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vittas later became cargo standards director for the airline's parent company, AMR Corporation, headquartered in Fort Worth, and when the corporation created a subsidiary to provide contract airport ground services, he joined the new company in New York and led it to a position of prominence in its field; he retired in 2011 after serving as senior vice president

of the company that had become Worldwide Flight Services; and

WHEREAS, John Vittas was a man of courage, strength, and compassion who gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many 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 John P. Vittas; 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 John Vittas.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate