

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 869

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in recognizing Joseph D. Jamail, Jr., for his many charitable works; and

WHEREAS, This legendary lawyer from Houston has made international headlines with his historic courtroom victories, but his generosity and his tireless advocacy for the underserved have also made him a Lone Star State hero; and

WHEREAS, The son of a grocer, Joe Jamail has kept close in his mind and heart the average Texan's struggle for justice and opportunity; with the help of his late wife and college sweetheart, Lee, he has given more than \$230 million to charities and scholarships over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, One of the most prominent beneficiaries of his largesse is The University of Texas at Austin, where Joe Jamail attended undergraduate school and law school; and

WHEREAS, The university's campus abounds with fine examples of his giving, including the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, Joe Jamail Field at Darrell K Royal Memorial Stadium, the Joseph D. Jamail Center for Legal Research, the Lee Hage Jamail Academic Room, and the centennial chair in law; and

WHEREAS, Because of scholarships created by the Jamail family, 4,000 students have attended the university, and one in three graduate nursing students are recipients of scholarships endowed by the family; the Jamails have also donated to Rice University and Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, A proud native Texan, Joe Jamail epitomizes the notion of giving back; over the past three decades, he has used his resources to improve the plight of those who are struggling and to elevate the efforts of those who are fighting for a better world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Joseph D. Jamail, Jr., for his immeasurable contributions to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of highest 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 May 9, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate