

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1099

In Memory
of
Gregory Steven Spaw

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas mourns the untimely passing on November 5, 2012, of Gregory Steven Spaw, the beloved youngest child of Steve Spaw and Secretary of the Senate Patsy Spaw; and

WHEREAS, The death of a child is an unfathomable tragedy that forever alters the family and loved ones left behind; whether the child is four or 40, their premature passing leaves a void in the lives of those near and dear to them that cannot be filled; yet their death can also cause us to remember and reflect--on the cherished memories they created, on the lessons they taught us, and on the influence they still have on our daily lives despite their physical absence; and

WHEREAS, Greg Spaw was born in Austin on April 4, 1972, and when he was five, the family moved to Elgin; he attended Elgin schools and, later, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University; at Elgin High School, he was a noted all-around athlete, and in his senior year, he was named to the all-state baseball team; and

WHEREAS, For Greg, baseball was a game not just to play but to study and to teach; one of his greatest passions was coaching his children, and he used the game to teach his players life lessons and to instill in them the benefits of teamwork, sacrifice, and camaraderie; Greg was unfailingly positive with his players, preferring to build them up with words of encouragement rather than tear them down with criticism; and

WHEREAS, Greg took the same loving approach with his family, to whom he was steadfastly devoted; in all the things he did, he sought to make his home a safe and joyous one for his family; they were the center of his life, and the happiness he brought them and the memories they shared will live forever in the hearts of his beloved wife, Becky, and their seven children, Tyler, Taylor, Jackie, Caleb, Trinity, Gregory, and Cadie; and

WHEREAS, Greg was a special person, and people were easily drawn to him due to his natural charisma; the twinkle in his eye, his disarmingly quick grin, and his firm handshake and warm "howdy" endeared him to everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by his friends and respected by his co-workers, he was a genuine and kindhearted person who truly loved helping others and always made time for them; a true Aggie, he was a man of deep conviction whose word was his bond, and he worked hard to teach his children the value of honesty; and

WHEREAS, Greg had a strong appreciation for the simple things in life; a bear of a man with incredible strength, he enjoyed the outdoors and found great beauty in the natural world--he loved animals, flowers and trees, hay meadows, and the spring rain; and

WHEREAS, Though Greg's time on this earth was too short, he left an imprint on the world that will not be forgotten by his parents, by his wife, children, and grandchildren, by his three

siblings and their spouses, and by all those who were blessed to know him and to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincerest condolences to our bereaved Secretary of the Senate, Patsy Spaw, and the entire family and other loved ones of Gregory Steven Spaw and join them in grieving his absence and in celebrating his life and legacy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate of the 83rd Legislature adjourns sine die this day, it do so in memory of Greg Spaw.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate