

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

In Memory
of
Joe Glenn Barton

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close when Constable Joe Glenn Barton of Farmersville passed away on January 10, 2015, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 5, 1950, in Waxahachie, Joe Barton was the only child of Joe Ab and Billie Gardner Barton; at a young age, he moved with his family to Garland, where he graduated from Garland High School in 1968; he married Eva Hartsell on January 14, 1972, and the couple shared in the joy of raising a daughter together, Jessica Autumn Barton; and

WHEREAS, Constable Barton began his career in law enforcement working as a dispatcher for the McKinney Police Department; during his 14 years there, he distinguished himself in a series of assignments as patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, lieutenant of operations, and interim chief of police; after leaving the force, he began his tenure as Collin County constable for Precinct 2 on January 1, 1989; he was reelected six times and held that office for a total of 26 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to ably meeting the demands of his professional career, Constable Barton was actively involved in the Farmersville community; he was a longtime member and former president of the Rotary Club, which twice honored him with the Rotary Club Governor's Award for his service; he chaired the Chaparral Rails to Trails committee for close to 20 years, and he also helped to coordinate the 2002 Audie Murphy Day event; moreover, he was a faithful congregant at the First Baptist

Church of Farmersville, and he was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for well over a decade; in 2003, his exceptional efforts earned him the Harry O. Cameron Citizen of the Year award from the Farmersville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an exemplary public servant, Constable Joe Glenn Barton will long be remembered with deep affection and admiration by all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Constable Joe Glenn Barton and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Eva Barton; to his daughter, Autumn Barton; to his mother-in-law, Opal Hartsell; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Constable Joe Glenn Barton.

Taylor of Collin

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate