

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 966

In Memory
of
William White

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of William White, who died May 4, 2015, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth, Bill White was born July 26, 1945; he enriched the lives of those who knew him, and he was noted for his brilliance as a trial lawyer, as well as for his engaging personality, his sense of humor, and his unwavering honesty; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, he joined the United States Navy, and he served with distinction during the Vietnam War; he earned an undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White began his legal career as a Travis County prosecutor; he later opened his private practice as a criminal defense attorney, and he gained widespread recognition representing a number of prominent clients, including Tom DeLay and Michael Morton; he became a legendary figure in legal circles and was known for his thorough knowledge of the law and for his genuine concern for those he served; and

WHEREAS, His passion for the law was surpassed only by his passion for the arts, and he enjoyed attending art galleries, operas, and musicals with his beloved daughter, Allison; and

WHEREAS, Bill White was a man of courage, strength, and compassion and was a true asset to the criminal justice system, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William White; 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 Bill White.

Watson, Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate