

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1031

In Memory
of
Robert Wayne Strauser

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Robert Wayne Strauser, who died May 21, 2015, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Bob Strauser was born August 8, 1943, in Little Rock, Arkansas; he moved with his family to Texas as a teenager, and he became the first member of his family to attend college; he pursued his dream of becoming a lawyer and earned a degree from The University of Texas School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strauser served his country with distinction as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Navy Reserve, and he retired with the rank of captain after years of proud service; and

WHEREAS, He was hired as a drafting attorney for the Texas Legislative Council in the fall of 1968, and he went on to serve as general counsel to the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, He left the public sector in 1974 to form the Texas Association of Taxpayers; in his role with the association, he remained an active presence at the Capitol representing the interests of small and large businesses; he joined the Baker and Botts law firm in 1984, and after his retirement from the firm in 2008, he continued to represent clients before the legislature until the week before his passing; and

WHEREAS, A respected member of the community, Mr. Strauser lived his faith by giving selflessly of his time to friends,

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colleagues, and those in need; he was a generous supporter of the Austin Symphony Orchestra, and he was a longtime member of the Board of Visitors of The University of Texas McDonald Observatory; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Bob Strauser was beloved by many, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration 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 Robert Wayne Strauser; 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 Bob Strauser.

Watson, Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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