

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1049

In Memory
of
Rance William Humphreys

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. Rance William Humphreys, who died on October 29, 2014, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Rance William Humphreys was born on July 17, 1965, in Wharton, Texas; he lived the first years of his childhood in Rosenberg and moved with his family to Jacksonville in 1976; and

WHEREAS, In school, Rance excelled easily; he was a straight-A student and received academic awards for Biology and Physics; he was a talented singer in the school choir and show choir; an excellent golfer, he was a star member of the high school golf team and also won many golf tournaments; and

WHEREAS, He served as chaplain of the student council, and he was selected to attend "Boys State" in Austin; he graduated as valedictorian at the top of his class in 1983 with a 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Rance attended Texas A&M University, following in the Aggie footsteps of his uncles; he graduated in 1987 and was accepted into the university's school of medicine; he continued to exercise his creative talent during his time at the university as a member of the world-famous Texas A&M University Singing Cadets; he toured Europe with the group in the spring of 1987, served as the group's vice president, and performed the lead role in the barbershop quartet "The Aggienizers"; and

WHEREAS, After his first year of medical school, Rance was awarded a scholarship from the United States Army, and he committed to serving the nation during and after medical school; he received his medical degree from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a specialty in psychiatry; he completed his psychiatric residency in the army at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, and briefly served at Fort Stewart, near Savannah, before returning to Augusta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Humphreys was promoted to the rank of major in 1995 and served as the director of the psychiatric resident doctors at Fort Gordon; he deeply enjoyed mentoring the young resident doctors, and when the residency program at Fort Gordon was closed, Major Humphreys decided to leave the army and go into private practice; he received an honorable discharge in 1999 and moved to Dalton, Georgia, to start his practice; and

WHEREAS, He was a highly respected psychiatrist in northern Georgia for 15 years, and he successfully helped many military veterans and their families in dealing with posttraumatic stress disorder; in addition to seeing patients at his office, Dr. Humphreys was a rotating physician at the local hospital, and he was a staff physician at the Youth Detention Center; and

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WHEREAS, Rance Humphreys was an exemplary citizen, an exceptional doctor, and a loyal friend, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by those who were privileged to share in his life; although he spent the second half of his life in Georgia, Rance's heart always remained in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rance William Humphreys: his parents, Charles and Glenda Humphreys; his sister, Tana Switsky; his brother-in-law, Joel Switsky; and his nephews, Ewan and Ethan Switsky; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rance Humphreys.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate