

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

In Memory
of
Robby V. Collins

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Robby V. Collins, who died July 11, 2017, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Robby Collins was born on August 17, 1941, in Haskell, Texas, and he graduated from the Haskell school system in 1959; he went on to become the first member of his family to attend college, earning a bachelor of science degree in teaching from North Texas State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins taught social studies at W. W. Samuell High School in Dallas for five years, and he was hired as an administrator with the Dallas Independent School District in 1970; he played a key role in the development of numerous programs in his 34 years with the district, and he was asked to continue working as a consultant after his retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Robby was considered a walking encyclopedia of public education and school finance in Texas; he dedicated countless hours to the rewriting of the Texas Education Code during the 74th Legislative Session, and he is credited with writing and editing countless bills and forming numerous coalitions that advocated on behalf of both students and teachers; he always worked behind the scenes, which allowed him to focus all his energy on the issues at hand, and his broad-ranging educational contributions led to notable improvements in schools and communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins shared 54 years of marriage with his devoted wife, Brenda Brooks Collins; they were blessed with two children, and their four grandchildren were a source of great pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep spiritual devotion, Robby Collins taught Sunday School at Casa Linda United Methodist Church for more than 25 years; he was a tireless education advocate and a treasured citizen, and his legacies in his community and the state will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Robby V. Collins; 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 Robby Collins.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 11, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate