

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

In Memory
of
Bill Bailey

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Bill Bailey, who died July 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bailey was an exemplary citizen who was widely respected and admired for his work in the community, both as Precinct 8 constable in Harris County and as the longtime voice of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Born Milton Odom Stanley in 1939, Bill Bailey attended Texas Western College for a time before beginning a long and successful career in radio broadcasting; he assumed the name Bill Bailey after accepting a disc jockey position that had been promoted with the song *Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home*, and he eventually took the name as his own; and

WHEREAS, He became a nationally prominent figure in the country music scene and won numerous awards for his work, including *Billboard* magazine's 1970 Country Radio Program Director of the Year and the Country Music Association's 1979 Large Market Disc Jockey of the Year; he was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Country Radio Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, He was elected Precinct 8 constable in 1982 and served with distinction for seven terms; his office provided exceptional support to the Johnson Space Center, and the Precinct 8 constable's office is the only police agency in the country with a NASA-designed Astronaut Support patch for deputies and vehicles; Constable Bailey received the NASA Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the agency's highest civilian award; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bailey was active in a wide range of professional and civic organizations; he served as president of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties, and he participated with energy and devotion in such groups as the Pasadena Rotary Club, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, the San Jacinto College Foundation, and local chambers of commerce and school district education foundations, all of which he enriched with his enthusiasm for doing good; he was an active member of South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena and a 32nd degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, He and his beloved wife of more than 40 years, Janis Bailey, were blessed with four children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him great joy; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Bailey was a man of integrity, strength, and compassion who gave generously to others, and his exceptional accomplishments and his many contributions to his community have had a positive impact that will last for years to come; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; 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 Bill Bailey; 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 Bailey.

Taylor of Galveston

Bettencourt
Creighton

Garcia
Huffman
Kolkhorst

Miles
Whitmire

Patrick, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 15, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate