

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature lost an admired alumnus with
2 the passing of former state senator William McKinnie Sims of Paint
3 Rock on August 29, 2016, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Benjamin and Ellen Sims on January 27, 1932,
5 Bill Sims grew up in Paint Rock with his two brothers, Dunlap and
6 Ben, and his sister, Kay; he graduated from Texas Tech University
7 and served the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as assistant
8 county agent for Howard County and as county agent for Irion County;
9 in 1966, he became executive secretary for the Texas Sheep and Goat
10 Raisers' Association, and he continued to hold that office for the
11 next three decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Sims was elected in 1982 to represent a vast
13 district that ultimately covered 59 counties in West and Central
14 Texas; during his four terms in office, he was involved with
15 legislation addressing many rural and agricultural issues,
16 including bovine tuberculosis, livestock theft, and fire ant,
17 predator, and rabies control; he authored the bills that created
18 the Texas Brush Control Program and the Texas Boll Weevil
19 Eradication Foundation, which helped to virtually eliminate the
20 destructive pest in Texas; moreover, he sponsored the bill
21 reauthorizing the Texas Animal Health Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Senator Sims was a staunch
23 champion for his constituents and an effective advocate for the
24 Paint Rock Independent School District; he retired in 1997, and

1 that same year, he received the Texas A&M Distinguished Texan in
2 Agriculture Award; the Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory at the
3 Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo was named in
4 his honor in 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, A tough negotiator and a consummate statesman,
6 Senator Sims valued cooperation and listened to all viewpoints
7 before reaching a decision; his good cheer, collegiality, and
8 wonderful sense of humor brought him many lasting friendships;
9 above all, he was devoted to his family, including his wife of 61
10 years, Sue, his children, Billy and Sue Ann, and his grandchildren
11 and great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated public service, Bill Sims made
13 a lasting, positive impact on the State of Texas, and those who were
14 privileged to share in the richness of his life will forever
15 remember him with admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Bill
18 Sims and extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and,
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
23 McKinnie Sims.

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H.R. No. 901

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 901 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 23, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House