

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 518

In Memory
of
James Michael Walker

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of James Michael Walker, who died March 6, 2017, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Jim Walker was born on May 28, 1937, in Temple, to James and Gertrude Walker; except for a brief time in Houston, he was a longtime resident of Temple; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his professional career, he worked with Farmers Insurance and the New York Life Insurance Company; he also served the country as a special agent with the United States Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker strongly believed in the importance of education and served as a teacher for the Ralph Wilson Youth Clubs of Temple and as a substitute teacher for the Temple and Killeen school districts; he shared his love of science with young people by making scientific devices and showing them at area science fairs and museums; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, he was a longtime member of Jehovah's Witnesses, and he served as an elder in his local congregation; and

WHEREAS, He and his beloved wife, Dortha Lee Taylor Walker, enjoyed 55 years of marriage together, and his three children were a source of much pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued

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counsel will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in his life; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of James Michael Walker; 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 Jim Walker.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate