

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**In Memory  
of  
Gary Lynn Snowden Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Bastrop County in mourning the loss of Gary Lynn "Bubba" Snowden Sr., who died January 3, 2019, at the age of 73; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba Snowden was a beloved public servant who was known for his kind smile, his love of animals, and his devotion to God, family, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba was born on June 11, 1945, to Gladys and Oscar Snowden; he was raised in Elgin, Texas, where he completed his primary and secondary education, and he furthered his academic studies at Sam Houston State University and Texas State University; he served his country with distinction during the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 40 years, Bubba and his brothers were owners and operators of the successful family business, Oscar Snowden, Incorporated; Bubba retired in 2001 to work full-time at his Elgin ranch and to care for rental properties and spend more time with loved ones; he transitioned to public service in 2012, when he was elected Bastrop County Commissioner for Precinct 4, and he was reelected to the position for two additional terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Snowden's hands-on approach to life was reflected in his six years of leadership as commissioner; during his tenure, he was admired for personally responding to public inquiries and for prioritizing daily visits to county offices and the local animal shelter; he is credited with making Precinct 4 improvements that benefited area residents and will continue to benefit the entire community long into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba shared a life of devotion with his cherished wife, Donna Snowden; he was blessed with two children, the late Gary Lynn Snowden Jr. and Tracy Snowden Ortiz, a son-in-law, Pascual Ortiz, and two granddaughters, Charlie and Paloma, who enriched his life immeasurably; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba Snowden was noted for his generous spirit and his work ethic and for his high standards and family values; he lived his life to the fullest, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gary Lynn Snowden Sr.; and, be it further

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**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 Gary Snowden.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 9, 2019, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate