

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

WHEREAS, Alan Haynes of Tyler is being inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame at the 2019 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest, taking place May 2-6 at Lake Fork; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1997, the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is located at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens; the hall of fame honors individuals and organizations that have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong sportsman, Alan Haynes founded The Sportster Inc. fishing tackle and outdoor sports store in Tyler in the 1970s; as the company's president and chief executive officer, he demonstrated a forward-thinking and innovative approach to business that helped introduce new products to the region, and he offered educational opportunities for local anglers to learn from world-renowned experts; highly respected by his peers, he served as chair of the Nation's Best Sports fishing tackle buying committee, and he was an advisory board member for *Fishing Tackle Retailer* magazine; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional successes, Mr. Haynes has devoted much of his time and energy to charities and government organizations that promote conservation and inspire youth to become the next generation of fishing and hunting enthusiasts; he cofounded the nonprofit Tyler Woods and Waters Club, known today as the East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation, which helps fund and promote outdoor-related

activities; through the years, the organization has been central to the development of the Tyler Nature Center, the opening of public fishing in the Neches River, and the overall increased accessibility of recreational opportunities in East Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes has served on a number of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department boards and committees, including the Freshwater Fishing Advisory Committee, the planning committee for the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation Kids Fish Program; and

WHEREAS, For more than 45 years, Alan Haynes has distinguished himself through his tireless efforts to promote and conserve the recreational fishing resources of the Lone Star State, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Alan Haynes on his induction into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Haynes as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate