

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 330

In Memory  
of  
James A. Turman

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of James A. "Jimmy" Turman, who died February 13, 2019, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Turman was an exemplary citizen and an effective public servant whose work as speaker of the Texas House of Representatives played an important role in putting the state on a sound fiscal footing; and

**WHEREAS**, Born November 29, 1927, he earned degrees at East Texas State Teachers College and served as a junior high school principal in Paris before entering the armed forces as a member of the United States Navy; after his military service, he earned a doctorate in education and psychology from The University of Texas in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, While still attending college, he followed his passion for politics, and in 1954, he won his first election to the Texas Legislature; he was elected speaker of the House in 1961 and was responsible for the passage of a broad-based statewide sales tax; he also presided over legislation that provided a pay raise for Texas teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, After leaving elective politics, he served in a number of governmental offices; he was chief of staff for United States Congressman Jim Mattox and was regional director of a government resettlement program that assisted Vietnamese refugees after the fall of Saigon; he concluded his career in

public service by serving as a senior research analyst in the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Bob Bullock; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turman was blessed with a wonderful family; his wife, Joan Turman, his four stepchildren, his late son, Art Turman, and his grandchild and five stepgrandchildren were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his commitment to public service, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those 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 James A. Turman; 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 Jimmy Turman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2019, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate