

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 612

In Memory  
of  
Timothy Von Kennel

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Timothy Von Kennel, who died April 12, 2019, at the age of 62; and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Von Kennel was a beloved citizen, and he inspired those who knew him through his wisdom, his kindness, and his commitment to his work on behalf of his fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Born February 13, 1957, Tim earned a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in municipal finance from Ohio State University; he began his career by serving as the assistant to the Fort Worth city manager, and he went on to distinguish himself as a respected expert in government relations and economic development through his extensive work in the energy sector; he retired from ATMOS Energy as president and director of Texas governmental relations; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to working in the energy sector, Timothy served as president of VK and Associates, a family-owned legislative advocacy firm that assisted clients with business development and government communications; he was also an executive leader for several state-level consumer advocacy associations, and he served as chief executive officer of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Texas; in 2017, he was selected from more than 50 applicants from across the country to serve as executive director of the Economic Development Council of Parker County; and

**WHEREAS,** An esteemed member of the community, Tim was a member of the Emergency Services District 6 Fire and Rescue Board, and he volunteered to serve on boards that connect returning veterans and released prisoners with services needed to help them succeed in society; and

**WHEREAS,** Tim shared a rewarding life with his devoted wife, Phyllis Von Kennel, and he was blessed with two children, whom he guided by loving example; and

**WHEREAS,** Tim Von Kennel was a man of strength and integrity, and he will long be remembered with respect and admiration 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 Timothy Von Kennel; 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 Tim Von Kennel.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2019, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate