

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

In Memory
of
Ron Wright

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United States Congressman Ron Wright, who died February 7, 2021, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Ron Wright was a devoted husband and father, an esteemed Republican statesman, and a treasured champion of the Tarrant County community; and

WHEREAS, A sixth-generation resident of Tarrant County, Ron Wright graduated from Azle High School in 1971 and attended The University of Texas at Arlington; he worked on his family's dairy farm in Springtown and went on to enjoy 30 years of success working in various industries in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Ron served on the Arlington City Council from 2000 to 2008 while also acting as the district director for United States Congressman Joe Barton, and he balanced his service on the council and in Washington, D.C., for eight years; he served as Congressman Barton's chief of staff from 2009 until May of 2011, when he was appointed Tax Assessor-Collector for Tarrant County; he was elected to a full term by voters in 2012 and was reelected to the position in 2016; and

WHEREAS, He began serving as the representative for the 6th Congressional District of Texas in January of 2019 and was known as a constitutional conservative who was strong on national defense and the rights of the unborn; he held leadership positions in the local Republican Party, including those of Republican club president and area leader, and he served as a trusted delegate at district, state, and national Republican Party conventions; he was active in partisan and nonpartisan politics, and he never faltered in his convictions when representing his district as a congressman; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, he remained a steadfast steward of his hometown community and a committed public servant; he earned numerous distinctions for his civic and charitable contributions, and he was honored to have served on commissions and boards for a variety of local and area organizations and as president of the Arlington Night Shelter and founding president of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation; and

WHEREAS, He was a man of courage, strength, and compassion who gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel 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, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Congressman Ron Wright: his cherished wife, Susan Wright;

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and his three children, Derek Sean Wright, Justin Wayne Wright, and Rachel Lorraine Wright Allen; 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 Ron Wright.

Birdwell, Hancock
Nelson, Powell

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate