

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

**In Memory
of
Monte Dwain Allen**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the late Dr. Monte Dwain Allen, who died on April 4, 2016, at the age of 57; and

WHEREAS, Monte Allen was born on May 26, 1958, in Fredericksburg; he grew up in communities across New Mexico and West Texas, and he graduated in 1976 from Wall High School, where he was a standout athlete; and

WHEREAS, He married Amy Lynn Ritchie in 1991, and the couple was blessed with three children, Katy Lynn Allen, Travis Ritchie Allen, and Austin Mabry Allen; he took great pleasure in coaching their athletic teams and in watching them compete in sporting events; and

WHEREAS, He earned a degree in economics from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1982, and he worked for a time as a computer systems analyst before returning to school to pursue a career in medicine; he graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1991, and he completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospitals and Medical Centers in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen was recruited to Laredo by the Laredo Medical Group; in 2004, he was joined in his practice by Dr. Elsa Canales, and they created Gastroenterology Consultants of Laredo; he was known for his tender bedside manner and his genuine interest in each patient; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, Dr. Allen was a loyal member of Arkansas Avenue Church of Christ; he was a leader in his community, and he had a positive impact on the people of South Texas; he was a devoted husband and father who gave generously to others, and he was a source of strength to all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Monte Dwain 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 Dr. Monte Allen.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate