

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 280

In Memory  
of  
Eugene Holmes

**WHEREAS**, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Eugene Millard Holmes Jr. of Grand Saline, who passed away on February 25, 2021, at the age of 70; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Eugene Holmes Sr. and Jeanette Holmes, Gene Holmes was born in San Angelo, and he grew up on a ranch with his siblings, helping to raise cattle, sheep, goats, cotton, and maize; he attended high school in Iraan and graduated as valedictorian of his class; and

**WHEREAS**, After completing his master's degree in dairy science at Texas A&M University, Mr. Holmes was employed as a federal dairy inspector in Minnesota; he subsequently moved back to Texas and worked for Marathon Oil before returning to agriculture, operating a dairy farm in Sulphur Springs and serving for two decades as a dairy inspector for the Texas Department of Health; in retirement, he moved to his farm in Grand Saline, where he enjoyed raising animals and growing vegetables to sell at Dallas markets; he and his family established a successful community-supported agriculture group and provided certified organic produce to many loyal customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Holmes was the proud father of five children, Analiese, Christina, Joed, James, and Timothy, and he was eventually blessed with nine grandchildren; he read to all of them when they were young, ensuring that they developed good language skills, and he always inscribed their birthday cards

with wise and encouraging messages; the devoted husband of Teresa Fabiola, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Cynthia Holmes; he was a man of deep faith, and as a young man, he worked with The Navigators discipleship ministry; through the years, he loved to memorize scripture, and he inspired his family to read the Bible and follow its tenets; moreover, he was an enthusiastic fan of Aggie football and attended every home game; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Gene Holmes is greatly missed, he has left his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Eugene Millard Holmes Jr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eugene Millard Holmes Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2021, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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