

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 435

In Memory  
of  
Stephen K. Balas

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Stephen K. Balas, who died April 20, 2021, at the age of 75; and

**WHEREAS,** Steve Balas was born on February 20, 1946, in Lindsay, California, and his family moved to Texas when he was a young child; at the age of six, he met Linda Thomas, and the two remained friends and sweethearts throughout their school years and were later joined together in marriage; Steve graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1964 and went on to earn a degree in pharmacy from The University of Texas at Austin in 1969; and

**WHEREAS,** A respected pillar of the Eagle Lake community, he enjoyed a rewarding career as the owner and operator of the Eagle Lake Drug Store; he fostered a warm and welcoming atmosphere for his family of employees, and he was known for brightening the days of the many loyal customers he served with his friendly demeanor and personable conversations; through the help of his father-in-law, he learned about growing rice, and he became a knowledgeable and successful rice farmer; and

**WHEREAS,** Steve took great pleasure in serving his community, and he gave generously of his time as a member of the boards of numerous civic, professional, and charitable organizations; he was appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority by Governor Perry, and he was a member of the Colorado River Alliance and the Colorado River Land Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Balas was the devoted father of the late Renee Balas Bullard and the late Brian Thomas Balas, and he cherished his two grandsons, Trevor Thomas Bullard and Brandon Bullard; he found great joy in traveling the world with his wife and in entertaining friends and loved ones at their homes in Eagle Lake and the Vineyard; he was a treasured member of his community and an exemplary citizen, and he leaves behind memories that will live on in the hearts of his many friends and loved ones; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Stephen K. Balas; 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 Steve Balas.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate