

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

In Memory
of
Corbett Kennard Stephens

WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Corbett Kennard Stephens of Tyler on June 13, 2023, at the age of 48, brought an immeasurable loss to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Born in Tyler on September 11, 1974, Cory Stephens was the son of Penny Stephens and Dr. Marvin Stephens, an orthodontist; he grew up with the company of two siblings, Trey and Brooke; as a boy, he dreamed of following in his father's footsteps, and he began helping to clean his office during summers in order to observe his work; he graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin and completed the orthodontic program at Baylor College of Dentistry in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephens began practicing with his father, and Stephens and Stephens Orthodontics thrived in both Tyler and Lindale; "Dr. Cory" loved caring for his patients, and he served his profession in a number of capacities, including as president of the Smith County Dental Society, as a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, and as an active member of the Baylor College of Dentistry Orthodontic Alumni Association; in addition, he was a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society, the American Association of Orthodontists, the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, and the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Orthodontic Research and Education; he received the Scholastic Achievement Award from the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Dr. Stephens served as president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-North Texas

Chapter, and he was a member of the Tyler Rose Festival's Order of the Rose; he was a man of faith, having grown up attending Marvin Methodist Church; he loved spending time with his family, especially at the lake house, where he taught many people how to water ski, or hunting at the ranch; his yellow lab, "Miss Bree," was his constant companion; and

WHEREAS, Although Cory Stephens is deeply 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, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Corbett Kennard Stephens and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother, Penny Kennard Stephens; to his sister, Brooke Marie Stephens; to his niece, Marlee Blythe Stephens; to his aunt and uncle, Dr. Jerry Lehmann and Janie Lehmann; to his cousin, Dr. Melissa Leigh Lehmann; and to all who mourn his passing; 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 Cory Stephens.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 19, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate