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S.R. No. 48

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of David Leslie Sanders of Tyler in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of Nell Wylinda King and Harold E. Sanders,
4 Dave Sanders was born on October 2, 1932, and grew up with three
5 siblings, Joe, Bob, and Mildred; he joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and
6 served in the Korean War and in a number of European countries
7 before his honorable discharge in 1955; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders was employed by Texas Instruments for 32
9 years as a mechanical engineer, and he played a key role in the
10 development and design of radar-missile systems for the Department
11 of Defense; following his retirement, he worked for the Science
12 Place in Dallas, building and maintaining its exhibits; he used his
13 free time to tinker on various projects in his garage; and

14 WHEREAS, On March 21, 1969, Mr. Sanders married the former
15 Cynthia Sue Printz; the couple enjoyed spending summer months in
16 Cody, Wyoming, working as teachers at a national wildlife park;
17 through the years, their treasured family grew to include four more
18 generations, and they shared a fulfilling relationship until her
19 passing in 2019; he was also preceded in death by two grandchildren,
20 Austin Gabriel Easley and April Danielle Easley; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders was fortunate enough to find love again
22 with Mary Jane Howard; they visited Caddo Lake every weekend and
23 spent countless happy hours on the back porch drinking coffee and
24 admiring the view; and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Sanders was an
2 active volunteer for numerous organizations, including Meals on
3 Wheels, the Children's Medical Hospital of Dallas, and the Cancer
4 Ward for Children; he also liked to make walking canes for local
5 veterans; a man of faith, he was a valued member of Pollard
6 Methodist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Dave Sanders is greatly missed, he has left
8 his family and friends with a host of cherished memories, and he
9 will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
12 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of David Leslie
13 Sanders and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
14 family: to his children, Robbin Durgin, Terry Highland, Denise and
15 David Langford, and Scott Holand and his wife, Amy; to his dearest
16 companion, Mary Jane Howard; to his eight grandchildren, nine
17 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild; and to his other
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
21 day, it do so in memory of Dave Sanders.