

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 12

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of George Wayne Hines of Sulphur Springs on  
3 March 7, 2025, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of George and Arbutis Hines, George Hines  
5 was born in Independence, West Virginia, on July 27, 1939, and he  
6 grew up with three siblings, Gloria, Velma, and Bonnie; and

7 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Hines  
8 joined the U.S. Air Force and over the course of eight years, he  
9 honed his skills working on aircraft; he went on to work with Dallas  
10 Airmotive, LTV Corporation, and Raytheon Company, where he served  
11 as a mechanic and senior quality engineer during his 32-year  
12 tenure; he also participated in a government research program at  
13 Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hines further distinguished himself as a  
15 reserve and security officer with the Farmersville Police  
16 Department; he was with the force for 23 years, and away from the  
17 job, he served as a CPR and first aid instructor; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hines enjoyed the love and  
19 support of his wife, the former Lou Ann Burkhart, with whom he  
20 shared a rewarding marriage of more than three and a half decades;  
21 he was the devoted father of three stepdaughters, Janeen, Becky,  
22 and Patricia, and he took great pride in his grandchildren and  
23 great-grandchildren; moreover, he was a valued congregant of his  
24 church, and he loved singing there and at home; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his  
2 community, George Hines earned the lasting respect and admiration  
3 of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd  
5 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of George Wayne  
6 Hines and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to  
7 his wife, Lou Ann Hines; to his stepdaughters, Janeen Francis and  
8 her husband, Richard, Becky Hicks and her husband, Darrin, and  
9 Patricia Roff and her husband, Andy; to his sister, Bonnie Stehlik;  
10 to his grandchildren, Magan Henderson and her husband, Timmy, Tyler  
11 Francis and his wife, Brooke, McKenzie Davison and her husband,  
12 Tyler, and Michael Watkins; to his great-grandchildren, Eisley,  
13 Finn, and Lyncoln Rose Henderson, Maddox, Addilyn, and Jaxsyn  
14 Francis, Owen Davison, Michael Watkins Jr., and Makaylah Watkins;  
15 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
18 day, it do so in memory of George Hines.