

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

In Memory
of
Phillis Townes

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Phillis Hastings Townes of Detroit, who passed away on March 8, 2025, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Born in Clarksville on September 14, 1949, to Coy and Juanita Lee Hastings, the former Phillis Hastings grew up with the companionship of three brothers, James, Ray, and Bobby; and

WHEREAS, A skilled businesswoman, Mrs. Townes was instrumental in the development of Townes Telecommunications; she also owned Henry's Produce in Clarksville and was a homemaker; and

WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Townes enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Larry Townes, with whom she shared a fulfilling marriage of nearly six decades; she took great pride in their two children, Darla and Glenn, who preceded his mother in death; with the passing years, she had the pleasure of seeing her treasured family grow to include three grandchildren, Walker, Connor, and Dalton; an avid traveler, she especially enjoyed visiting Germany; she was also a woman of deep faith; and

WHEREAS, Admired for her generosity and strength of character, Phillis Townes brightened the world for all who knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Phillis Hastings Townes and extend heartfelt sympathy

to the members of her family: to her husband, Larry Townes; to her daughter, Darla Townes Bridges; to her brothers, James Hastings and his wife, Jan, Ray Hastings, and Bobby Hastings and his wife, Kim; to her grandsons, Walker Townes, Connor Bridges, and Dalton Buchhorn; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phillis Townes.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 4, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate