

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

In Memory
of
Matthew Young

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Matthew Thomas Young of Lindale, who passed away on January 5, 2025, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 19, 1975, in Paris, to Tom and Debbie Young, Matt Young grew up with the companionship of two sisters, Jessica and Kathleen; in 1993, he graduated as salutatorian from Sulphur Springs High School, where he was a member of the student council as well as the football and basketball teams; he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, After college, Mr. Young embarked on a rewarding career in education that spanned 27 years; along the way, he worked at high schools in Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, Denton, Cooper, and Van, where he taught a variety of math classes and coached football, track, basketball, and baseball; he further served his profession as a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Young married the former Jamie McGraw; the couple shared a fulfilling union that spanned more than two decades and were the proud parents of five children, Rorie, Khira, Tate, Zack, and Kymora; a man of faith, Mr. Young was a devoted congregant of First United Methodist Church in Mt. Sylvan, and in his leisure time, he enjoyed cooking, reading, playing golf, hosting dinner and game nights, and traveling with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, While Matt Young will be deeply missed, his contributions as an educator, a family man, and a valued member of his community will long be treasured by all those who had the good fortune to know him; 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 Matthew Thomas Young and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jamie Young; to his children, Rorie, Khira, Tate, Zack, and Kymora Young; to his parents, Tom and Debbie Young; to his sisters, Jessica Swatsell and her husband, Chad, and Kathleen Wade and her husband, A. B.; to his in-laws, Jimmie and Renee McGraw; and to his many other relatives and friends; 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 Matt Young.

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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