

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

In Memory  
of  
James and Cynthia Rushing

**WHEREAS**, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of James Randall Rushing and Cynthia Cherise Rushing of Sulphur Springs, who were tragically lost in the July 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County; and

**WHEREAS**, J. R. Rushing was born in Winnsboro on January 6, 1961, to James Harlton and Connie Fae Rushing, and he grew up with the companionship of three sisters, Sonya, Tonya, and Tamra; he was an employee at Flowserve, and he took pleasure in flying drones as a hobby and in volunteering his time as an umpire and referee at local softball and volleyball games; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on May 20, 1972, in Oxford, Mississippi, the former Cindy Nelson was the daughter of Arthur Martin Nelson and Memory Bowles Nelson, and her family also included her siblings, Jeremy and Rebecca; in addition to working for Alora Home Health Software, she was an avid reader and fan of science fiction films, and she channeled her creativity into making custom T-shirts and sewing; and

**WHEREAS**, The couple shared a strong bond of love throughout their marriage; they were deeply devoted to their five children, Sarah, Joshua, Tamra, James, and Randi, and they also experienced the joy of welcoming nine grandchildren into the family; they delighted in spending time with their loved ones, and they were also fond of camping and taking trips in their recreational vehicle, creating many cherished memories along the way; and

**WHEREAS**, Although the passing of J. R. and Cindy Rushing has brought great sadness to their family, their friends, and

their community, they will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those they left behind; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Randall Rushing and Cynthia Cherise Rushing and extend deepest condolences to the members of their family: to their children, Sarah Jones and her husband, Steven, Joshua Kiestler, Tamra Blasius and her husband, Wade, James Evan Rushing and his wife, Nadiana, and Randi Bailey and her husband, Matthew; to their grandchildren, Brianna Lugo, Jayce Bailey, Carsen, Mara, Madilyn, Maegan, and Brooklyn Jones, and Able and Karter Blasius; to Mr. Rushing's mother, Connie Rushing; to his sisters, Sonya Adams and Tonya Renae Burton; to Mrs. Rushing's mother, Memory Nelson; to her siblings, Jeremy Nelson and Rebecca Nelson; and to the couple's other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for their family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. R. and Cindy Rushing.

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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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate