

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

In Memory
of
John Forrest Sr.

WHEREAS, The passing of John Lewis Forrest Sr. of Weatherford on November 10, 2024, at the age of 77, concluded a remarkable life of service to the law enforcement community and to the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Born in Gorman on November 14, 1946, Johnny Forrest was the son of Robert and Margaret Forrest, and he grew up in Woodson with the companionship of a brother, Robert, and two sisters, Janet and Lisa; he graduated from Woodson High School, where he was valedictorian and a talented member of the baseball and football teams in addition to being voted most handsome; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of an exemplary career with the Texas Department of Public Safety that spanned 43 years, Mr. Forrest distinguished himself with his strong work ethic and professionalism; he played an important part in multiple operations that led to the seizure of more than \$2 million of illicit money and thousands of pounds of illegal drugs; he also excelled as an instructor in the U.S. and Canada and was inducted into the inaugural class of the National Law Enforcement Hall of Fame; moreover, he had the honor of being one of the two officers from the Lone Star State to serve on the security detail for the second inauguration of President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forrest wed the love of his life, the former Cathy Sanders, on January 23, 1966, and they enjoyed a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly six decades; the couple became the parents of two children, John and Cindy, and their family eventually grew to include a granddaughter, Victoria, and grandson, Jax; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a dedicated public servant, Johnny Forrest is deeply missed, but the integrity with which he lived his life will forever inspire 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, hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Lewis Forrest Sr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Cathy Forrest; to his son, John Forrest, and his wife, Erika; to his grandchildren, Victoria Palmer and Jax Forrest; to his brother, Robert Forrest; to his sisters, Janet Winton and Lisa Forrest; 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 Johnny Forrest.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate