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S.R. No. 50

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Forrest wed the love of his life, the former
23 Cathy Sanders, on January 23, 1966, and they enjoyed a rewarding
24 marriage that spanned nearly six decades; the couple became the

1 parents of two children, John and Cindy, and their family
2 eventually grew to include a granddaughter, Victoria, and grandson,
3 Jax; and

4 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a dedicated public servant,
5 Johnny Forrest is deeply missed, but the integrity with which he
6 lived his life will forever inspire all those who had the good
7 fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
9 hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Lewis Forrest Sr. and
10 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 wife, Cathy Forrest; to his son, John Forrest, and his wife, Erika;
12 to his grandchildren, Victoria Palmer and Jax Forrest; to his
13 brother, Robert Forrest; to his sisters, Janet Winton and Lisa
14 Forrest; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
15 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 Johnny Forrest.