

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 146

In Memory  
of  
John Ussery

**WHEREAS**, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on December 5, 2024, with the passing of John Lee Ussery of Gladewater at the age of 63; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Billy Van Ussery and Marilyn LeGrace Williams Ussery, John Ussery was born on December 6, 1960, in Gladewater, where he grew up with the companionship of a sister, Carla; after graduating from Gladewater High School in 1979, he earned his associate's degree from Kilgore College and his bachelor's degree from Baylor University; a talented musician from an early age, he played trumpet and piano throughout his time in school, and he wrote many compositions; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 15, 2002, Mr. Ussery exchanged vows with the love of his life, the former Carol Lee Banks, and the couple went on to share a rewarding marriage that spanned more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ussery enjoyed a fulfilling career working as a certified public accountant and as a real estate broker; active in his community, he served as treasurer of the Republican Party of Upshur County, as chair of Precinct 16, and as a member of the Gladewater City Council; a man of faith, he was a congregant of First Baptist Church Tyler, where he taught Sunday school for nearly 40 years; above all else, he cherished time spent with his loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, While the passing of John Ussery brings great sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Lee Ussery and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Carol Ussery; to his mother, Marilyn Ussery; to his sister, Carla Haley, and her husband, Tommy; to his niece and nephew, Payton Lee Haley and Parker William Haley; to his stepsons, Alan Wood and his wife, Anne, and their children, Caleb, Daniel, Caroline, and Julieanne, and Michael Wood and his wife, Danielle, and their children, Otis and Pearl; 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 John Ussery.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate