

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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate