

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, While the passing of John Ussery brings great

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1 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that
2 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
5 hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Lee Ussery and extend
6 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Carol
7 Ussery; to his mother, Marilyn Ussery; to his sister, Carla Haley,
8 and her husband, Tommy; to his niece and nephew, Payton Lee Haley
9 and Parker William Haley; to his stepsons, Alan Wood and his wife,
10 Anne, and their children, Caleb, Daniel, Caroline, and Julieanne,
11 and Michael Wood and his wife, Danielle, and their children, Otis
12 and Pearl; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
16 day, it do so in memory of John Ussery.