

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 596

In Memory
of
James Hudson

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of James Albert Hudson of White Oak on April 26, 2025, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born in Carthage on December 4, 1936, to Jeff and Cammie Hudson, "Dick" Hudson was the youngest of 10 children; he graduated from Carthage High School and Kilgore College, and he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft radar technician while stationed in Rapid City, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudson went on to distinguish himself over the course of a career with the Texas Eastman Company that spanned nearly four decades; he worked in research and development at the Longview chemical complex, earning a reputation for his exemplary work ethic, high standards, and dedicated mentorship of the company's interns; and

WHEREAS, Civically engaged, Mr. Hudson represented the Republican Party as a precinct chair, primary election judge, and assistant general election judge at the Gregg County Courthouse; he was also a man of deep faith and a longtime member of Woodland Christian Church and of First Christian Church in Longview, where he held many offices and served as a longtime Sunday school teacher; a skilled craftsman, he enjoyed making crosses, crèche nativity scenes, and walking canes and sharing them with others as gifts; some of his work adorns the classrooms and halls of First Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hudson was blessed with the love and support of his wife, Betty Jo, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage of nearly half a century; together, the couple

raised two daughters, Shannon and Sherri, and with the passage of time, they welcomed two grandchildren and a great-grandchild into their treasured family; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hudson lived a full and generous life surrounded by those he loved, and they will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Albert Hudson and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Betty Jo Magness; to his daughters, Shannon Sasser and her husband, Tony, and Sherri Ware and her husband, Jamie; to his granddaughters, Heather Davis and Jordan Ware; to his great-grandson, Sutton Davis; and to his 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 Dick Hudson.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate