

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.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate