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S.R. No. 596

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hudson was blessed with
2 the love and support of his wife, Betty Jo, with whom he shared a
3 rewarding marriage of nearly half a century; together, the couple
4 raised two daughters, Shannon and Sherri, and with the passage of
5 time, they welcomed two grandchildren and a great-grandchild into
6 their treasured family; and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Albert Hudson and extend
12 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Betty Jo
13 Magness; to his daughters, Shannon Sasser and her husband, Tony,
14 and Sherri Ware and her husband, Jamie; to his granddaughters,
15 Heather Davis and Jordan Ware; to his great-grandson, Sutton Davis;
16 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
19 day, it do so in memory of Dick Hudson.