

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 599

In Memory
of
John Lucas

WHEREAS, Dr. John Richard Lucas of Longview, an esteemed physician and a friend to many, passed away on April 4, 2025, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, The son of Helen Marjorie Waddell and Mack Lucas, Richard Lucas was born in Midland on June 21, 1939, and grew up in Longview with the companionship of a sister, Carolyn; he graduated from North Texas State University and The University of Texas at Galveston Medical School; following his internship at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, he served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and then completed his residency at Parkland Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucas was a practicing ob-gyn in Longview for 35 years and delivered some 5,000 babies; unfailingly gentle, kind, and patient, he was beloved by his colleagues and by his many longtime patients; he served Good Shepherd Medical Center as president of its medical staff, as chair of the obstetrics-gynecology-pediatrics section, and as a trustee; moreover, he benefited his profession as a member of the American Council for Gynecological Endoscopy, and he was both a diplomat and a fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; following his retirement in 2007, he continued to serve county patients through Wellness Pointe Longview and Zeid Women's Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucas married his high school sweetheart, the former Sara Ann Skaggs, in 1969, and they were blessed with three children, Tosch, Todd, and Susan Ann; despite his busy schedule, he always made time for his family, which grew to include five treasured grandchildren; after the death of his first wife in 2010, Dr. Lucas was fortunate enough to find love again, and he wed Andee Napolitano in 2013; the couple enjoyed traveling and spending time with their large circle of friends and relatives; Dr. Lucas attended weekly breakfasts with "the boys" and monthly lunches with the RODEO group, more formally known as Retired Old Doctors Eating Out; he was an elder for life of First Christian Church of Longview and served the congregation in numerous capacities, among them chair of the board; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his long career in medicine, Richard Lucas earned the respect and appreciation of innumerable people, and he will be remembered with great affection by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. John Richard Lucas and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Andee Lucas; to his children, Tosch Lucas,

Todd Lucas, and Susan Ann Lucas Stroud and her husband, John; to his grandchildren, Tyler Anne Bosher, Miles Lucas, and Sara Grace, Sophie Jane, and Lucas Stroud; to his great-grandchildren, Hattie and Holland; 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 Dr. Richard Lucas.

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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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate