

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 627

In Memory
of
Joe Wall

WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed Christian leader drew to a close with the passing of Dr. Joe Layton Wall of Georgetown on August 10, 2024, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wall was born in Dallas on January 11, 1939, to Charles and Frances Wall; he entered the ministry at the age of 17, and he worked at Baptist churches in Houston, Waco, and Travis; following his graduation from Baylor University, he earned a master of theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Dr. Wall dedicated his efforts to planting new churches in the Houston area, and he served as senior pastor of what today is BridgePoint Bible Church; he was also dean of academic affairs for Dallas Bible College, and he cofounded the Houston Bible Institute; he completed a two-year tenure as president of Western Bible College in 1985, and that same year, he oversaw the formation of Colorado Christian University, where he became the school's first president; in addition, he helped establish the Foothills Institute of Biblical Studies in Colorado; in Texas, he served as an adjunct faculty member of Dallas Theological Seminary, where he received a doctor of theology degree, and as a professor at Grace School of Theology; moreover, he traveled the world to teach pastors and other church leaders; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Wall enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Linda, with whom he shared a rewarding

marriage of nearly six decades before her death; he was the devoted father of two children, Scot and Christopher, and he took great pride in his five grandchildren and his great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Setting an inspiring example of faith in action, Dr. Joe Wall enriched the lives of countless people through his spiritual leadership, and he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Joe Layton Wall and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his brother, Richard Wall and his wife, Betty; to his sons, Scot Wall and his wife, Darcy, and Christopher Layton Wall and his wife, Jessica; to his grandchildren, Angel Miller, Marissa Wall McCrea, and Caleb, Tyler, and Tommy Wall; to his great-grandson, William Wall; 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 Dr. Joe Wall.

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Hagenbuch	King	Perry
Hall	Kolkhorst	Schwertner
Hancock	Parker	Sparks
Hinojosa of Nueces	Paxton	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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