

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 657

In Memory
of
Fredrick Stotts

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Fredrick Taylor Stotts of Texarkana on April 23, 2025, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The son of Fred and Irene Stotts, Fred Stotts was born in Lake City, Arkansas, on November 13, 1938, and he grew up on the family farm with his two sisters, Mary Jane and Gwendolyn; he graduated from Arkansas State University with an agricultural economics degree; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Texarkana for nearly six decades, Mr. Stotts worked in agricultural lending, farming, and real estate over the course of a rewarding career that spanned half a century; he was a licensed pilot who loved flying, and "Land Man," as he identified himself on the CB radio, knew every rural road in Arkansas and encountered familiar faces wherever he went, even in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stotts and his first wife, Berta Brewer, became the proud parents of three children, Shawna, Dawna, and Tracy; he was fortunate enough to find love again, and on August 30, 2013, he exchanged wedding vows with the former Janet Heflin; the couple shared 12 happy years of marriage together, pursuing their mutual passion for country music, two-step dancing and waltzing, taking trips to Jefferson, and doting on their beagle, Lady; over the years, Mr. Stotts experienced the joy of welcoming two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren into his family, and he treasured the companionship of his lifelong best friend, his cousin Jim; and

WHEREAS, Although Fred Stotts is deeply missed, memories of his generosity of spirit, his infectious smile, and his devotion to his loved ones remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Fredrick Taylor Stotts and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Janet Heflin Stotts; to his sister, Gwendolyn Whyers; to his daughters, Shawna Nielsen and her husband, Rick, Dawna Haley and her husband, Tim, and Tracy Stotts; to his grandchildren, Alese Nielsen and Ryan Nielsen and his wife, Breanna; to his great-grandchildren, Roman and Haven; 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 Fred Stotts.

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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