

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 663

In Memory  
of  
Gary Penkilo

**WHEREAS**, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close with the passing of Gary Daniel Penkilo of Tyler on March 30, 2025, at the age of 57; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Daniel and Mary Penkilo, Gary Penkilo was born in Parkville, Maryland, on July 7, 1967, and in 1978, he moved with his family to Kerrville; following his graduation from Tivy High School, he earned a bachelor of business administration degree at The University of Texas at Austin in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Penkilo embarked on a 28-year career with the Henry and Peters accounting firm in 1996; he became a certified public accountant two years later, and in 2004, he was named a partner at the firm; highly respected, he earned a reputation for his calm counsel, and he cultivated lasting friendships with many of his clients; civically engaged, he was active in the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Contact Club, Order of the Rose, and Leadership Tyler Class XV, and he served as treasurer for the American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Gala; moreover, he was also involved in such organizations as Champions for Children; and

**WHEREAS**, In February 2002, Mr. Penkilo met the love of his life, the former Monica Phillips, and they wed on May 31, 2003; the couple shared more than two decades together, and they became the proud parents of two daughters, Ava and Anna; Mr. Penkilo attended Green Acres Baptist Church, where he and his wife served in the children's ministry; he cherished time spent with his family on trips to Pebble Beach, California, as well as to New

York City and WaterColor, Florida; he closely followed all UT Longhorn sports, especially football, and he was an avid golfer; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, Gary Penkilo modeled a life of faith, integrity, and perseverance, and he will forever remain a vibrant presence for those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gary Daniel Penkilo and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Monica Phillips Penkilo; to his daughters, Ava Hope Penkilo and Anna Grace Penkilo; to his sister, Jeannine Luenser; to his brother-in-law, Chris Phillips, and his wife, Lindsay; to his nephews and nieces, Kenneth Luenser and his wife, Lilly, Steven and Matthew Luenser, and Hailey, Caden, and Hannah Phillips; to his great-niece, Poppy; 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 Gary Penkilo.

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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