

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 666

In Memory
of
Ernest Johnson Jr.

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on April 25, 2025, with the passing of Ernest G. Johnson Jr. of Wake Village at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 11, 1944, Ernest Johnson was the son of Ernest Johnson Sr. and Lucille Chumley Day and the stepson of Alton Day; this patriotic Texan served his country as a radioman in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War; after studying math at East Texas A&M University, he enjoyed a long career with the IT department at Wadley Regional Medical Center and subsequently with BWI Companies; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Johnson shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Vivian, that spanned 52 years, and he took great pride in his children, Wade and Joanna; with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include four grandchildren, Jason, Colby, Austen, and Carson, and two great-grandchildren, Steven and Luke; his life was further enriched by his beloved dog, Tex; and

WHEREAS, Sustained by a deep and abiding faith, Mr. Johnson was a valued congregant of First Baptist Church of Texarkana; in his leisure hours, he pursued a variety of hobbies, including camping, jet skiing, and playing ping-pong and pool; he was also a talented volleyball and softball player in his youth; and

WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Ernest Johnson will remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth and delightful sense of humor, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ernest G. Johnson Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Vivian Johnson; to his children, Wade Johnson and his wife, Connie, and Joanna Fore; to his grandchildren, Jason Fore and his wife, Lindsey, Colby Fore and his wife, Samantha, Austen Wood and his wife, Mackenzie, and Carson Wood; to his great-grandchildren, Steven and Luke Fore; 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 Ernest Johnson.

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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