

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 667

In Memory
of
Mack Easley Sr.

WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed Vietnam War veteran drew to a close with the passing of Mack Carl Easley Sr. of Texarkana on March 2, 2025, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Mack Easley was born on September 23, 1949, to Winston and Thelma Easley, and he grew up in New Boston with the companionship of a sister, Shirley; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Easley served with the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam; in November 1968, he and his fellow soldiers were defending Army Fire Support Base Rita near the Cambodia border when they came under surprise attack by North Vietnamese troops; demonstrating tremendous courage in the fierce battle that followed, he helped the American forces defeat the enemy and was subsequently awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star Medals as well as two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat; after ending his 12-year military tenure as a physician assistant, he worked until retirement as a health administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons; he went on to volunteer at the National Park Service Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Easley enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Bonnie; he was the devoted father of four children, Rhonda, Melissa, Kathryn, and Mack, and he cherished time spent with his five grandchildren; his interests included traveling, photography, and exploring the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Mack Easley brings great sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy of

valor and service 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 Mack Carl Easley Sr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Bonnie Easley; to his children, Rhonda Eernisse, Melissa Latham, Kathryn Omerso, and Mack Easley Jr.; to his former spouse, Nancy Easley; to his grandchildren, Haiden Latham, Rhyan Latham, Harrison Easley, Silas Omerso, and Darcy Omerso; 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 Mack Easley.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate