

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

In Memory
of
Michael Ewing

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Michael Shannon Ewing of Austin, who passed away on January 18, 2025, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, The son of Frank Irwin Ewing and Colleen Shannon Ewing, Mike Ewing was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 17, 1969, and grew up with the company of his beloved sister, Anne; he graduated from Wesleyan University and the University of Houston Law Center, where he was a dynamic member of the editorial board of the Houston Journal of International Law; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Austin to work for Apple, Mr. Ewing embarked on an exemplary career in public service; from 2004 to 2008, he was employed in the legal division of the Texas Legislative Council, and he went on to join the government affairs office of the Employees Retirement System of Texas; known for his diligence, skill, and keen intellect, he took on daunting tasks with focused energy; one memorable example occurred when legislators requested a plan to revamp state retirement procedures, and he produced a detailed draft over the course of a single weekend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ewing formed many lasting friendships among his colleagues and other acquaintances; he enjoyed thoughtful conversations, lively debates, sharing stories, and providing always reliable recommendations on Austin's music and food scenes, especially up-to-the-minute intel on barbecue joints; fascinated by the "golden age" television series of the early 2000s, he formed a TV club for fellow aficionados, and he enjoyed his own moment in the media spotlight in 2015, when he demonstrated his knowledge and quick wit as a contestant on *Jeopardy!*; in addition, he regularly participated in trivia gatherings with a group that included other former *Jeopardy!* contestants; while loyal to his Ohio roots, he was a proud Austinite and great fan of Austin FC soccer, The University of Texas at Austin football team, and Formula 1 racing; above all, he loved spending time with those he cared about, and he was deeply devoted to his sister and her children; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Mike Ewing brings tremendous sorrow to all those who had the good fortune to know him, they will forever treasure their memories of his irrepressible curiosity, his wonderfully dry sense of humor, and his enduring warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael Shannon Ewing and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his sister, Anne Cole, and her husband, Chris; to his nieces, Roxy and Meg; and to his other relatives and many 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 Mike Ewing.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 29, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate