

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 237

In Memory
of
Dovie Lee Greene Jackson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Dovie Lee Greene Jackson, who died December 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dovie Lee Greene Jackson was a lifelong Texan and a 30-year employee of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; she was known for her intelligence, fairness, and compassion and for dedicating her life to serving others; and

WHEREAS, She was born September 8, 1952, in Odessa, Texas, and was the third of six children of Shellie T. Greene and Ruby O'Neal Greene; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from Ector High School in 1971, and she began working for the comptroller's Odessa Enforcement Office in 1977, during a time when women and people of color were still coming up through the ranks; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson received her bachelor of business administration degree in management from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1981, and she fulfilled all the requirements for her degree while working full-time as an enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, she was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Iota Chapter, and she later was honored as a Silver Soror; and

WHEREAS, She completed the Graduate School of Business Governor's Executive Development Program at The University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Dovie received the Distinguished Former Odessan award in 1998 from the Heritage of Odessa Foundation, and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin Alumni Association honored Mrs. Jackson as its 2006 Distinguished Alumnus for her professional achievements and loyal service to the university; and

WHEREAS, She was a longtime member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Austin and served as a member of the church's board of trustees, finance committee, and building committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was President Emeritus of Black American Comptroller Employees, and she was the first African American and first woman to be named Deputy Comptroller for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, She was the first director of the Comptroller's Employee Engagement Division, and she served as a mentor to the agency's next generation of employees; she worked across the agency to make the workplace better for all; and

WHEREAS, Dovie Jackson was a source of inspiration to others and gave selflessly of her heart, her time, her service, and her resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: her husband, Isaac Jackson; her daughter, Tracy Ellis-Harrison; her sons, Isaac D. Jackson and Christopher N. Jackson; her grandchildren, Shamar Harrison, Brittney C. Jackson, Briana Jackson, and Dorian C. Jackson; her siblings, Dr. Dorothy Greene Jackson, Shellie Greene, Henretta Greene Holmes, and Marilyn Greene Clark; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dovie Lee Greene Jackson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate