

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

In Memory
of
Stephen Nash Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. Stephen Charles Nash Sr., who died June 28, 2023, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Nash was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on June 10, 1950; a highly intellectual man of religious depth and devotion, he shaped a rewarding life of service as a reverend and a spiritual leader; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was called to the ministry at the age of 18; a graduate of Bishop College, he earned doctorates from Aspen Theological Seminary and Survine Ministries Bible College and Theological Seminary, and he dedicated his life to ministering faithfully to the physical and spiritual needs of innumerable Christians; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of six decades, Dr. Nash pastored at churches in Van Alstyne, McKinney, Marshall, and Lubbock; for 32 years he faithfully led the Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Dallas, where he performed countless ceremonies and prayed for his church members in times of hardship and bereavement as well as in times of celebration and joy; under Dr. Nash's outstanding leadership, the congregation thrived as a spiritual family and grew into one of the most influential houses of worship in the nation; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished biblical scholar, Dr. Nash authored 10 books on theology and the history of African Americans in Christianity; he held leadership roles with a number of organizations, including the Texas Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance and the Baptist Missionary and Education State Convention; Dr. Nash was a luminary in the fight for racial equality and a tireless advocate for marginalized and oppressed communities in Texas, and he transformed the lives of many through his steadfast devotion to the principles of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nash was a proud father to his two children, Angela and Stephen Jr., and he greatly cherished his six grandchildren; he was revered as a mentor and spiritual father to many, and he provided counsel and comfort to countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, A treasured member of the Dallas community, Dr. Nash led a full and rewarding life, and his strength of character and visionary leadership were a source of inspiration to many; he leaves behind a spiritual legacy that will make a positive difference for generations to come, and he will long be remembered with great respect and admiration by those who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Stephen Charles Nash Sr.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his 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 Dr. Nash.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 11, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate