

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

In Memory
of
Annie Mae Hunt

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Annie Mae Hunt, who died September 25, 2003, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Annie Mae Hunt was a woman of humble beginnings and had only an elementary school education; she gained fame by writing a memoir on being a black woman in the South and on her struggles and her mistreatment; and

WHEREAS, Born in Washington County in 1909, she was raised in the Southern sharecropping system and married at the age of 15; she picked cotton with her husband, and following a divorce, she moved to Dallas, where she performed domestic work for a time; in the 1950s, she managed to own an eatery and a cleaning business and went on to work as a seamstress and sell Avon cosmetics; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hunt believed she was limited because she was a woman and she was black, but after experiencing numerous acts of discrimination, she began asserting herself, writing letters to political leaders and becoming involved with many organizations that worked on improving conditions for blacks; and

WHEREAS, She coauthored *I Am Annie Mae: An Extraordinary Woman in Her Own Words*, which was published in 1983; in the book, Mrs. Hunt wrote with typical straightforwardness of her experiences in Dallas and the history of women in Texas; the book was made into a musical and a film; and

WHEREAS, While Mrs. Hunt suffered the struggles of growing up black in the South, she worked hard, and through much perseverance, she made a name for herself as an author and an educator of young women; the T. R. Hoover Multipurpose Center in South Dallas houses bookshelves named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, she maintained her determination, her good humor, and her genteel spirit; Annie Mae Hunt was a woman of self-confidence and generosity who gave unselfishly of her time to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, She was a source of inspiration to many and was a devoted mother and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the family of Annie Mae Hunt: her daughters, Esther Prosper, Dorris Bullard, and Othella Hunt; her son, George Darden; and her 30 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Annie Mae Hunt.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 2, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate