

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

In Memory
of
Viola Hamilton Pitts

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the loss of Viola Hamilton Pitts, who died on April 15, 2004, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Viola Pitts was born in East Texas on September 8, 1914; she spent most of her life in Como, a historically black neighborhood in West Fort Worth, where her tireless efforts to better the community earned her the title of the "unofficial mayor of Como"; and

WHEREAS, She also served on the John Peter Smith Hospital Board of Managers and as a member of numerous other boards and task forces; she was an active member of the Democratic Party and a longtime election judge who worked hard to inspire area citizens to vote; and

WHEREAS, To honor her work on behalf of many deserving people, a Tarrant County medical center was renamed JPS Health Center--Viola M. Pitts/Como in 2000; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Viola was a longtime member of the Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she served as a steward for 29 years and participated in numerous other activities; and

WHEREAS, Viola Pitts was devoted to her family and was a friend to many in the community, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Viola Hamilton Pitts; 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 Viola Hamilton Pitts.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate