

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 377

In Memory
of
Hoover J. Wright

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Cypress, the community of Prairie View, and citizens across the state in mourning the loss of Hoover J. Wright, who died March 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright was a world renowned coach at Prairie View A&M University for over 40 years; while he was best known for his accomplishments in track and field, he also served as athletic director and head football coach; and

WHEREAS, A native of Hebron, Maryland, he earned a bachelor's degree from Maryland State University and a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University; he began his coaching career at Shorter College in North Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Panther track and field program attained unparalleled success, including two National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Indoor titles, one National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Outdoor title, five Southwestern Athletic Conference crowns, and the 1970 United States Track and Field Association national title; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wright was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 1976, Prairie View A&M University's Sports Hall of Fame in 1992, and the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 1994; and

WHEREAS, His many honors included his selection as Coach of the Year by both the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; he also served three times as a staff member of the United States National Track and Field Team and as an assistant coach at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games; his record of success created a demand for him to share his winning formula at various coaching clinics around the nation; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Mr. Wright gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Hoover Wright lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Hoover J. Wright: his wife of 49 years, Eloise McCreary Wright; his four children, Romana, Sondra, Shawneequee, and Hoover Wright, Jr.; and his eight grandchildren; 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 Hoover J. Wright.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate