

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 496

In Memory  
of  
David F. Harris, Sr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Galveston and San Antonio in mourning the loss of the Reverend David F. Harris, Sr., who died February 11, 2003, at the age of 83; and

**WHEREAS**, David Harris was born November 18, 1919, in Floresville; he was a Galveston city councilman in the 1970s and was the first African American to become mayor pro tempore in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Harris served as pastor of Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Church in Galveston and was president of the board of directors of the Galveston County Mental Health Association; he was on the board of directors of the Salvation Army, Saint Vincent's House, and the Galveston Historical Foundation, Incorporated, and on the advisory board of the Early Childhood Center; and

**WHEREAS**, June 13, 1976, was proclaimed David F. Harris Day in Galveston to honor him for his service to the church and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, David Harris 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**, He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the Reverend David F. Harris, Sr.: his wife, Dorothy; his six children; and his grandchildren and great-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 Reverend David F. Harris.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate