

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

In Memory
of
Rable Johnson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Rable Johnson, who died June 16, 2005, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Rable was born April 20, 1920, in Waxahachie, to Willie and Mandie Johnson and he attended public schools in Ike, Ennis, and Dallas; he was a longtime member of the Golden Gate Baptist Church, and he was appointed cochair of the deacons at the organization of the Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the African American business community in Dallas, Rable was the first African American manager of a James K. Wilson clothing store as well as one of the first African Americans to procure a Jack in the Box, Incorporated, franchise; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Rable received numerous honors throughout his life, including a 2003 Steeple Award for recognition of church service; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Rable gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he leaves behind countless memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rable Johnson: his beloved

wife of 64 years, Earnestine; his sons and daughter-in-law, Ricky Johnson, Rodney Johnson, and Phillip and Barbara Johnson; his daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Donald Wrightsil; his stepsister, Yvonne Sands; and his seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Rable Johnson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 7, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate