

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

In Memory  
of  
John Freeman Hightower

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Plano in mourning the loss of John Freeman Hightower, who died June 1, 2005, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS**, John was born August 1, 1913, in Vian, Oklahoma; he graduated cum laude from Huston-Tillotson College with degrees in biology and mathematics, and he later earned a master's degree in administration at Texas Southern University; and

**WHEREAS**, He taught in Anton and moved to Plano in 1956, where he taught science and coached at Douglass High School; he became principal there after completing his master's degree; and

**WHEREAS**, The first African American in Plano to be named Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Mr. Hightower donated his time and talents to many worthy causes, including the Rotary Club, the Plano African American Museum, and the Plano Community Forum; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian, he was a member of Hill Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served on the Steward Board, the Trustee Board, and the Lay Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hightower 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, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the family of John Freeman Hightower: his wife, Dr. Myrtle Nash Hightower; his daughter, Johnnie Hightower Burns; his stepsons, Buford and Victor Jones; his sisters, Geneva Poole and Bulah Logan; and his two granddaughters and two 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 John Freeman Hightower.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 13, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate