

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sybil Haydel Morial on the occasion of her retirement from Xavier University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Sybil Morial has worked to advance civil rights and has shown an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education from Boston University, Sybil returned home to New Orleans and became involved in the emerging civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, She energetically worked for numerous organizations, including the Urban League of Greater New Orleans and the League of Women Voters; she was the founder of the Louisiana League of Good Government, a nonpartisan, interracial women's organization devoted to guaranteeing civil liberties and full participation in government for all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sybil has been a part of the administrative staff of Xavier University for 26 years; she began as director of special services, next became an associate dean of the Drexel Center, and finally served as associate vice president for external affairs; and

WHEREAS, Her work at the university, the Amistad Research Center, and other organizations has earned her awards and accolades, including the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League, the Links' Woman of the Year award, and the Weiss Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and many others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Sybil Morial has been an inspiration and a role model for the students at Xavier University, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Sybil Haydel Morial for her years of service to Xavier University of Louisiana and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 19, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate