

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Louie White for his many years of service to the City of Austin as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Louie White was the first African American to be awarded the Austin Police Department's medal of valor; he served as an officer for nearly 30 years, retiring as a captain; and

WHEREAS, He won the medal of valor for defusing a volatile hostage situation in 1972; he received his medal a year later but without the traditional ceremony and only after his fellow officers detailed his heroism in a letter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White served the department in many ways throughout the years; he recruited many African American officers to the police department and helped found the Texas Peace Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Recently, the Austin Police Department and the City of Austin paid tribute to Mr. White in the city council chambers, acknowledging his courageous actions with a laudatory ceremony; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage and quiet dignity, Louie White served the citizens of Austin with valor and dedication, and he is truly deserving of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Louie White for his years of outstanding service to the Austin Police Department; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate