

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 515

In Memory
of
Samuel Kempt

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the death of Samuel Kempt, who died March 2, 2005, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Samuel was born on May 23, 1928; he was a native of Sunset, Louisiana, and he graduated from high school in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the first class of African American graduates of the Houston fire academy in 1955; these nine pioneers worked at the Clinton Park station during the first years of their careers; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to chauffeur in 1963, Samuel Kempt served the Houston Fire Department until his retirement in 1982; as a member of that original class of African American firefighters, he set a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and dedication, Samuel gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Samuel Kempt: his daughters, Patricia Limbrick and Donna Kempt; his sons, Samuel A. Kempt and William S. Kempt; and his sisters, Mary Anderson and Catherine Craft; 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 Samuel Kempt.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate