

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 858

In Memory  
of  
DarNell Gerard Pemberton

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Senate joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of the Reverend DarNell Gerard Pemberton, who died May 5, 2005, at the age of 62; and

**WHEREAS**, DarNell Pemberton was born March 5, 1943, in Fort Worth to Reverend DarNell John Pemberton and Gwen Alston; he grew up in Chicago, where he began his education and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964, and shortly after leaving military service, he married his longtime sweetheart, Edna B. Dean; the couple was blessed with four daughters, and later adopted eight nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, The family moved to Richmond, California, and DarNell earned bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State University; he worked for the Richmond Police Department for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1978 DarNell and his family moved to Dallas; there he attended Southwest Theological Seminary and began working as youth pastor at Concord Baptist Church; he also worked for the Texas Youth Commission and Child Protective Services; he was involved in many community service projects, including crime watch programs, clothing drives, feeding the underprivileged, and registering voters; he served as an election judge and precinct chair and as a commissioner with the Boy Scouts program; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Reverend Pemberton gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a devoted husband and father, and he 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Reverend DarNell Gerard Pemberton: his loving wife of 41 years, Edna Dean Pemberton; his daughters, Enda Jean Jones, Rita Susanne Williams, Lisa Dawn Evans, and Myra Gwendolyn Thomas; his sister, Oteia Gordon; his adopted nieces and nephews, George Andrews, Pandora Jackson, Marcus Dean, Anthony Dean, Victor Dean, Ellen Dean Banks, and Tammy Dean Owens; and his many grandchildren; and, be it further

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**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 Reverend DarNell Gerard Pemberton.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate