

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 802

In Memory
of
Thurmond Bernard Woodard

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Thurmond Bernard Woodard, who died April 4, 2007, at the age of 58; and

WHEREAS, Thurmond Woodard was born in Ocala, Florida, on January 9, 1949; he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Hampton University in 1970, and he pursued a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, He was vice president for global diversity and the chief ethics, privacy, and compliance officer for Dell, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, He was previously president and chief operating officer for Atlanta-based R. Thomas Consulting and Training, Incorporated; he also served as vice president and general manager of an international division of Flexel, Incorporated, and spent 17 years at Johnson Wax serving as director of finance in Europe and as a general manager in the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Thurmond served on the board of trustees of Huston-Tillotson University and on the boards for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Ethics and Compliance Officers Association, and Catalyst; and

WHEREAS, He was a devout Christian and a member of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher and led Crown Financial Ministries with his wife; and

WHEREAS, During his 30-year career in finance, marketing, and human resources, he became a mentor, counselor, and valuable friend to many individuals; he made an enduring commitment to fostering a culture of respect and harmony among his peers and his colleagues, and he leaves behind a legacy of inclusion and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those he left behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Thurmond Bernard Woodard: his loving wife of

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37 years, Suzanne; his children, Michelynn "Miki" and Derek; and his sister, Towanna Comer; 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 Thurmond Bernard Woodard.

Ellis, Watson, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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