

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

In Memory
of
Louie W. White

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Captain Louie W. White, who died December 27, 2008, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Louie White was born in Mexia and moved to Austin to be with his older sister; he graduated from L. C. Anderson High School and attended Huston-Tillotson College; he joined the Austin Police Department in 1959 after graduating from the Austin Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction in the Austin Police Department for over 29 years until his retirement in 1988; in the early days of his career, he battled racism while serving as one of the department's first black officers; he persevered and became a captain and later was a leader in the department's diversity hiring initiative in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Captain White enforced the law on Austin's streets and was a courageous and highly respected officer; in 1972, he risked his life to save a hostage, and he was awarded the department's Medal of Valor for his heroic actions; he represented the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession, and throughout his life, he dedicated his time and energy to making the department a better organization; and

WHEREAS, Louie White was an exemplary gentleman who was known for his strong character and his many contributions to his community; a devout Christian, he was active in his church and was noted for his 15-year commitment to portraying Christ in "The Pilgrimage to the Cross" at the Rosewood Parks and Recreation Center; he served for 20 years on the board of the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

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

WHEREAS, Louie White was devoted to his family, friends, and community, and he will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Captain Louie W. White: his wife, Lois J. White; his son, Louie White, Jr.; his daughters, Diana Alexander, Debra White, Patricia Hunter, and Jacqueline Michelle Howard; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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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 Captain Louie W. White.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate