

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 321

In Memory
of
Robert A. Simpson, Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Robert A. Simpson, Sr., who died February 15, 2009, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson was director of bands at Paul Quinn College and founder and executive director of Third Coast Arts Center, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Born in Corsicana on August 29, 1943, to Allen and Geraldine Shaw, Mr. Simpson grew up and attended school in Corsicana and was baptized there at an early age; and

WHEREAS, He began his professional career in 1966 as a high school teacher of instrumental music in Sulphur Springs, Texas; he served as head of the Fine Arts Department of the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District from 1972 to 2003; he was director of marching, concert, and jazz band studies and taught music theory and history; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District, he was a writer and musician for Abnak Music Enterprise; a talented and versatile musician, he served as musical director for the Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters production of "Fly Black Bird," was a member of the City Summer Orchestra, produced programs for Dallas Cable Television, and performed with many popular entertainers; and

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WHEREAS, A distinguished and admired educator, Robert A. Simpson, Sr., had a positive influence on the lives of many students and musicians; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Robert A. Simpson, Sr.: his wife of 42 years, Carol; his daughter, Sonia; his son, Robert A. Simpson, Jr.; his father, Allen; his grandson, Quinton; and his stepsisters, Judy and Rene'; 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 Robert A. Simpson, Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate