

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 933

In Memory  
of  
Harold Ray Benton

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Harold Ray "Rocky" Benton, who died May 7, 2009, at the age of 57; and

**WHEREAS**, Rocky Benton was born May 25, 1951; he was a 1969 graduate of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin and he went on to earn an associate's degree in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, An accomplished musician whose career spanned nearly 50 years, Mr. Benton is said to have brought the blues to Corpus Christi; he was known for his ability to play a variety of instruments, most notably the signature array of harmonicas that he kept strapped to his belt; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Benton began playing music as a drummer with the James Polk Trio at the age of 10 and his musical career reached its pinnacle when he opened for the legendary B. B. King in 2003; Mr. Benton was inducted into the South Texas Walk of Fame in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Benton was a man of exceptional talent who influenced countless other musicians, and his courage and many achievements will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Rocky Benton; 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 Harold Ray "Rocky" Benton.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate