

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

In Memory
of
Charles A. Hunter

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of minister, college professor, and civic leader Dr. Charles A. Hunter, who died June 12, 2011, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter was born May 7, 1926; a native of Longview, he earned bachelor's degrees from Bishop College and Howard University before earning master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from the Philadelphia Divinity School; he also held a master's degree from the University of North Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter served as pastor of nondenominational churches in Alabama and Florida before moving to Dallas to become a Presbyterian minister; he was pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Saint Luke Presbyterian Church, and Glendale Presbyterian Church before becoming assistant pastor, and later associate pastor, at Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter began his career in academia as a sociology professor at Bishop College, where he eventually became director of the sociology department and head of the department of urban affairs; he went on to serve as an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University, The University of Texas at Arlington, and Richland College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter was committed to advancing race relations and promoting peace; in 1968, he cofounded Amigos, an organization that promoted social outings between black and white couples; he was the first African American elected presiding officer of the Northeast Texas Presbytery and was actively involved in many community and philanthropic organizations, including the Dallas Peace Center, the Trinity River Authority, and the Greater Dallas Housing and Opportunity Center; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and abiding faith, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his open-mindedness, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was an inspiration to others, and although he will be deeply missed by his family and many friends, he will continue to live in their hearts and minds for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Charles A. Hunter: his children, Rhonda, Rhashell, Rosalyn, and Byron Hunter; his sisters, Delores Simms and Dorothy Griffin; his brother, Julian Hunter; and his three 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 Dr. Charles A. Hunter.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 20, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate