

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

**In Memory
of
Bruce Dinkins**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Bruce Dinkins, director of bands at Bowie High School, who died June 22, 2011, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Dinkins was a beloved educator who took great delight in the success of his students and truly helped them achieve their potential by demanding no less than their best; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dinkins was an educator for more than 30 years; he taught in high schools in South Carolina and Georgia and served on the faculties of Emory University, Georgia State University, and Florida Community College in Jacksonville; he had performed with four chamber orchestras and conducted the Sewanee Summer Music Festival in Tennessee for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Under his direction, the Bowie High School band has won national acclaim and numerous awards; it has earned the Sweepstakes award from the University Interscholastic League in concert and marching every year since his arrival at the school in 2001; it was named one of the top 12 bands at the Bands of America Grand Nationals competition, and it was named Grand National Champion at the Smoky Mountain Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dinkins was an outstanding band director, teacher, and mentor; he set high standards for his students and helped them develop their musical talents while also developing

character, discipline, and respect for others; thousands of students have benefited from his wise guidance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Dinkins was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished for years to come by his family, his students, and his friends; 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 Bruce Dinkins: his wife, Hildy; his daughter, Jordan; and his son, Adam; 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 Bruce Dinkins.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 28, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate