

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 498

In Memory
of
Wallace Edward Lockett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett, presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, who died March 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Edward Lockett earned a master of arts degree in church administration, a master of business administration degree, and an honorary doctorate, and he had been an itinerant minister in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church since 1966; while serving in the United States Air Force, he was licensed to preach at Phillips Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Tucson, Arizona; following his military service he was ordained a deacon and elder at the Florida Annual Conference and continued to serve at numerous churches in Florida and Texas; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his episcopacy, he was the pastor of the Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Houston, where he served for 25 years and launched 45 ministries; and

WHEREAS, A spiritual, civic, and business leader, Bishop Lockett was a pioneer in Houston's economic development community and served as president and chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Community Economic Development Corporation; he was the former president and principal shareholder of Century Forest Industries in Lufkin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Texas College Board of Trustees in Tyler and served on advisory councils for several mayors; he was a past president of the Lufkin Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; he was involved in a business in Ghana, West Africa, developing farm products and building affordable housing, medical clinics, and schools for the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his many friends, and all those who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett: his wife, Lillie B.; his children, Dwayne Demetrius, Vernon Dale, and Nicole Tonita; and his five 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 Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate