SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 673

In Memory of Anthony Johnson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Leander City Manager Anthony Johnson, who died March 24, 2011, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Biff" Johnson worked for nearly 30 years in municipal government, and this devoted public servant left an indelible mark on the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, He began his career as a waterline repairman in Richardson in 1978; he learned quickly and adjusted easily to the public environment, and after earning his business administration degree from the University of North Texas, he moved quickly through the ranks of city government; and

WHEREAS, After an 18-year career in Richardson, he became the Lancaster public works director; over the following five years, he was promoted to assistant city manager and then city manager; he accepted a position with the North Texas community of Wylie, where he remained until 2004, when he became the city manager of Leander; and

WHEREAS, Biff's strong interpersonal skills and his ability to communicate with various individuals and groups enabled him to work extremely well with the Leander City Council members and staff to accomplish their goals; he forged successful relationships with community, civic, and business leaders that allowed the city to excel; and

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WHEREAS, Biff Johnson was well known for his determination and his willingness to share his wisdom with others; he was admired and respected by his colleagues and all who were privileged to know him, and he will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and son, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Anthony "Biff" Johnson; 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 Anthony Johnson.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate