

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 887

In Memory
of
Porter Renfro, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Porter Renfro, Jr., who died April 22, 2011, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Porter Renfro, Jr., was born October 6, 1929, in Corsicana to the Reverend Porter Renfro, Sr., and Marie Allen Renfro; he attended schools in Corsicana and became a Christian at an early age; he was baptized at the Greater Renfro Memorial Church of God in Christ, which was founded by his father; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country in the United States Army during World War II, he moved to Houston and became an avid boxer; he developed his skills and became an accomplished athlete who enjoyed sharing his boxing skills with others; and

WHEREAS, He was an entrepreneur in the hair care industry, a driver for the Coach Bus Line, and a freight coordinator for American Gear, where he worked for more than 25 years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Porter married Althea, the love of his life, and they became a wonderfully blended family with seven children; together, they became leaders in the Fifth Ward community and were actively involved with the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where Porter was a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Porter Renfro was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, 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 Porter Renfro, Jr.: his wife, Althea; his six children; and his 20 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren; 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 Porter Renfro, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate