

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1214

In Memory
of
Boston P. Grant, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Grand Prairie in mourning the loss of Boston P. Grant, Jr., who died May 22, 2011, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Widely known for his success as a track and field coach in Dallas and Grand Prairie, Boston Grant had a 36-year career during which he helped shape the character of countless students; and

WHEREAS, Boston Grant was born in San Marcos on May 3, 1924, the son of Boston P. Grant, Sr., and Maggie Mae Grant; he served his country during World War II as a medic in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant attended Prairie View A&M University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business education in 1950; he ran track both in the army and in college, winning several awards; he later returned to the university and earned a master's degree in administration and supervision in 1973; and

WHEREAS, He met his wife, Dorothy, while he was in college; they were married in Dallas on June 30, 1951, and they lived in Grand Prairie with their children, Michael, Phyllis, and Charles; and

WHEREAS, He began his career at Dalworth High School in Grand Prairie, where he achieved great success, and he taught at various high schools in Dallas before moving to South Oak Cliff High School in 1972, where he solidified his legacy and coached until his retirement in 1986; he then moved into the collegiate arena, becoming the sprint coach at Southern Methodist University in 1988 and at the University of North Texas in 1990; and

WHEREAS, During his coaching career, Mr. Grant coached several future star athletes and produced 70 All-Americans; his teams were perennial contenders, winning two city, eight district, one regional, and four state titles; he was named Coach of the Year 16 times; he is a member of four Halls of Fame, including the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame and the Prairie View Athletic Hall of Fame; he was inducted into the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant enjoyed spending time with his family, going to church, cooking, and traveling; he was a highly esteemed and respected gentleman and had a positive influence on the growth

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and development of thousands of young people over the years; he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his many friends, and all those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Boston P. Grant, Jr.; 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 Boston P. Grant, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate