

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

In Memory
of
Dorothy Barbara Williams Bickham

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dorothy Barbara Williams Bickham, who died in June of 2013 at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Barbara Williams was born June 19, 1924, in Oklahoma City to Beatrice and Edwin Williams; she was a graduate of Douglass High School, where she played violin in the orchestra and was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps and the Girl Reserves; and

WHEREAS, She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Fisk University, and while she was studying for her master's degree at the University of Michigan, she met her future husband, Luzine Bickham; and

WHEREAS, After their marriage, the couple moved to Houston, and Mrs. Bickham began a long and fulfilling career as an educator; over the years, she had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of students; she was a beloved teacher who instilled in her students a sense of pride and a lifelong love of learning; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life, Mrs. Bickham was a faithful, longtime member of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, where she served as Chancel Choir pianist for more than 40 years; she was also a member of numerous committees and ministries and was honored as Mother of the Year in 1981 by the Servettes; and

WHEREAS, She was active in many community organizations, including the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Friends of Houston Ebony Opera Guild, and the Parkwood Drive Civic Club; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave generously to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dorothy Barbara Williams Bickham; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Dorothy Bickham.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 25, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate