

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

In Memory
of
Zora Lee Shepherd

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Zora Lee Shepherd, who died June 5, 2013, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Zora Shepherd was born January 18, 1931, in Waco; she graduated from A. J. Moore High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Paul Quinn College and a master's degree from Texas Woman's University; and

WHEREAS, She married the Reverend Charlie B. Shepherd on May 18, 1957, and the couple raised five children together; she served for many years as first lady at her husband's church, Peaceful Zion Baptist Church, where she was an indispensable source of support for him and a vital part of the choir, mission, and Vacation Bible School ministries; and

WHEREAS, She enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as an educator with the Grand Prairie Independent School District; a gifted and caring teacher, she instilled in her students a sense of pride and a lifelong love of learning; she was also active in numerous community and philanthropic organizations, including the Eastern Star, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her generous spirit and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

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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 Zora Lee Shepherd; and, be it further

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 Zora Lee Shepherd.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 24, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate