

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

In Memory  
of  
Booker T. Watson, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Reverend Booker T. Watson, Jr., who died February 4, 2013, at the age of 61; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Watson was an exemplary citizen who was widely admired in his community for his many achievements and for the profound impact he had on the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker T. Watson, Jr., was born December 16, 1951; he attended schools in the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District; after his graduation, he served the country with distinction in the United States Army and the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, He married his teenage sweetheart, Dyann L. Hornbuckle, on June 11, 1971, and the couple was blessed with three children, Byron, Dijann, and Brian, who were a source of much pride and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Watson served in law enforcement for a time and was employed by Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Incorporated, from which he retired in 1994; he was also employed by Blessed Are the Children; and

**WHEREAS**, He received his call to the ministry in 1985 and was ordained in 1988; he earned degrees from Southern Bible Institute and Master Divinity School and served as pastor of College Park Baptist Church for 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Reverend Watson's exceptional leadership, the church ministered faithfully to the temporal and spiritual needs of countless people; inspirational and dedicated to helping others, this beloved pastor devoted his time selflessly to the people of his congregation and his community; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and enduring faith, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, his kindness, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest served as an inspiration to all who shared in his life; and

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Reverend Booker T. Watson, Jr.; and, be it further

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**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 Reverend Booker T. Watson, Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 6, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate