

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 297

In Memory  
of  
James Larance Hill

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Dr. James Larance Hill, who died September 2, 2012, at the age of 84; and

**WHEREAS**, This dedicated champion of higher education and progressive race relations was the first African American vice president at The University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hill joined the university's faculty in 1993 as associate vice president for administration and public affairs; in 2000, he was appointed vice president for community and school relations, and he remained in that position until his retirement in 2007; he then continued to serve the university as senior vice president, special assistant to the president; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, he was responsible for the management of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, the University Interscholastic League, Community and School Relations, University Outreach programs, and Pre-college Youth Development; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hill was also actively involved with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue Committee and the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition, and he was a founding member of the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hill played a vital part in connecting The University of Texas with other institutions of learning, and he helped foster lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with many neighbor universities and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, He was recognized with the Whitney Young Urban League Award and the National Forum of Black Public Administrators' Mark of Excellence Award, and the Black Faculty and Staff Association honored him with the creation of the Dr. James L. Hill Education Scholarship in 2001 and presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, This deeply committed mentor and role model will be dearly missed by his wife of 62 years, Geraldine; their daughter, Jacqueline Howard; his extended family; and many other loved ones; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. James Larance Hill; 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 Dr. James L. Hill.

Watson, Ellis, West

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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