

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 380

In Memory
of
Althea Lewis Renfro

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Althea Lewis Renfro, who died December 27, 2012, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Althea Lewis was born February 10, 1927, in Houston; a 1942 graduate of Phillis Wheatley High School, she earned a bachelor's degree from Houston College for Negroes and a master's degree from Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, She married Porter Renfro, Jr., and she enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as an educator; she was a teacher at Crawford and Hohl Elementary Schools in the Houston Independent School District for more than 37 years and she was active in a number of professional and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life, she served as a church musician for over 30 years at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church and Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church; she was also a prolific poet whose work included the lyrics to the gospel song "Use Your Faith"; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage and compassion, she gave generously to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in her life; 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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Althea Lewis Renfro; 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 Althea Renfro.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate