

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 565

In Memory
of
McKinley Jackson, Sr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Reverend McKinley Jackson, Sr., who died February 26, 2013, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, McKinley Jackson was born January 19, 1930, in Dallas; he graduated from Lincoln High School and served his nation in the military; and

WHEREAS, He received his call to the ministry at the age of 17 and preached his first sermon at Mount Carmel Baptist Church; he went on to serve as pastor at Elam Grove Baptist Church in Mabank, Muddy Creek Baptist Church in Quitman, and Bethlehem Baptist Church in Terrell; he then assumed the leadership of Samaria Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where he remained for the last 33 years and where he had a profound influence on the lives of countless people; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in the ministry, Pastor Jackson acted as a community activist for social and racial justice and was a member of numerous civic and political organizations; he served as a member of the Fort Worth City Council representing District 5 and was president of the Terrell Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; he was active in the Boy Scout program and held leadership positions in numerous religious organizations; and

WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Pastor Jackson gave unselfishly to others, and his generosity, his wise

counsel, and his ability to provide enlightenment and hope to his congregation will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted and loving 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 the Reverend McKinley Jackson, Sr.; 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 McKinley Jackson, Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate