

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 697

In Memory
of
Ronald Lynn Raspberry

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Ronald Lynn Raspberry, who died April 8, 2013, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Raspberry was born August 14, 1941; he served the nation with distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps; he was married to his beloved wife, Roycie, for many years, and the couple was blessed with five children; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he entered into a four-year program with the Houston Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 716; he served on numerous committees and was elected to a number of board positions with his union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raspberry was elected as business manager for Local 716 in 1974, beginning a long and productive career serving the labor movement; as business manager for 15 years, he was the local's chief contract negotiator, and he served for five years as representative to the Sixth District International Executive Council of his union; and

WHEREAS, He went on to serve for more than two decades as the executive secretary of the Houston Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council and as labor relations officer for the Houston law firm of Williams Kherkher; he was named Labor Leader of the Year in 1986 by the West Gulf Ports Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raspberry was active in Democratic Party politics at the local, state, and national levels, representing

labor at numerous conferences and political conventions; he was appointed by Governor Mark White to serve on the Management Task Force for the Texas State Treasurer and by Governor Ann Richards to serve on the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, passion, and determination, he gave unselfishly to the working men and women of Texas, and his wisdom, his strength in the face of adversity, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; 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 Ronald Lynn Raspberry; 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 Ronald Raspberry.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 18, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate