

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 709

In Memory
of
Patrick H. Murphy, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Patrick H. Murphy, Jr., who died March 29, 2013, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Pat Murphy was born May 12, 1933, in Nashville, Arkansas; he moved with his family to Austin at a young age and went on to graduate from L. C. Anderson High School; he earned a bachelor's degree in music from Huston-Tillotson College and served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, He married Judge Harriet M. Murphy in 1968; the couple was blessed with a son, Charles, and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy enjoyed a long and fulfilling career with the United States Postal Service; he was one of the first African American postal workers in Austin to be promoted to a position of supervisor, and he was noted for training African Americans and Hispanics to fill important positions; during the course of his 33-year career, he worked in the post office at the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts; he retired in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was active in numerous community organizations; he was a charter member of Gamma Gamma Boulé and served as a Sire Archon and as a mentor at Barbara Jordan Elementary School, and he also served as a precinct judge and as a

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grand jury member; he was a jazz fan and an accomplished saxophonist who played in several groups, notably the James Polk Band and the Thomas Kincheon Band; and

WHEREAS, Pat Murphy was a man of strength, integrity, and determination who gave unselfishly to others, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest was inspirational; 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 Patrick H. Murphy, Jr.; 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 Patrick Murphy.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate