

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 532

In Memory  
of  
Kennedy Clay Roland

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Lockhart in mourning the loss of civic leader Kennedy Clay Roland, who died January 21, 2015, at the age of 52; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenny Roland was born on August 16, 1962, to Joe Irene Roland and Preston Roland Jr.; he was a 1980 graduate of Lockhart High School, where he was a standout athlete on the football, basketball, and track teams; and

**WHEREAS,** He enjoyed a 34-year career with the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative as a journeyman lineman and construction crew supervisor; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Roland was committed to public service, and in 1998, he became the first African American to be elected to the Lockhart City Council; he represented District 1 for more than a decade before serving as an at-large council member; he was the founder of the District 1 Pride organization, and he played a vital role in organizing the city's first Martin Luther King Jr. Parade; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of courage, strength, and kindness, Kenny Roland gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his generous spirit, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest served as an inspiration to his family and countless friends; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a devoted husband to his wife, Catherine, and a doting father to his daughter, Kennedy, and he leaves

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behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Kennedy Clay Roland; 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 Kennedy Clay Roland.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate