SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 601

In Memory of Cecil Proctor

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Cecil Ray Proctor, who died April 10, 2015, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Proctor was born on August 11, 1945, in Marquez, to Herman Proctor and Esther Alexander; he married the love of his life, Mollie Proctor, on April 25, 1970, and the couple raised five children together, Dawn, Yolanda, LaKitsha, Rachel, and the late Gilbert; they were blessed with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Proctor dedicated his life to serving others as a pastor and an elder in the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated; he was the founder of the Neighborhood House of Prayer Family Church and served as its pastor for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, He established the Neighborhood Christian Learning Center of Dallas, Incorporated, a licensed early childhood facility that has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a PreK Center of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, He played an important role in helping those who needed support in their lives by creating the Neighborhood Outreach Center of Hope, a 24-hour rehabilitation center and shelter for recovering drug addicts and former prison inmates; and

WHEREAS, He touched countless lives through his weekly radio broadcast, *Prayer of Faith*; in recognition of the profound impact he had on the fabric of life in his community, he was inducted into the *Elite News* Religious Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, He was a man of courage, strength, and compassion who gave unselfishly to others, and his generous spirit, his charismatic personality, 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 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 Cecil Ray Proctor; 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 Cecil Ray Proctor.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate