

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 735

In Memory
of
Floyd D. Simpson

WHEREAS, The citizens of Corpus Christi lost an admired public servant with the untimely death of Corpus Christi Chief of Police Floyd D. Simpson on May 3, 2015, at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on September 19, 1963, Floyd Simpson earned a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and a master's degree in business administration from Amber University; he was also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Before taking charge of the department in Corpus Christi, Chief Simpson served more than 25 years with the Dallas Police Department, where his duties included management of the patrol and administration bureaus as well as oversight of the department's police academies and hiring process; he retired in 2012, at the rank of assistant chief; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2012, this veteran law enforcement professional became the 22nd chief of police in Corpus Christi, and the first African American to lead the department; under his leadership, crime in the city decreased for three consecutive years and traffic-related fatalities were the lowest in two decades; he worked to ensure transparency in police matters, and he was also making great strides in his commitment to bolster department pride, instituting official ceremonies for officers receiving promotions and other department activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional duties, Chief Simpson was engaged in civic affairs as well; he organized a charity motorcycle ride in Dallas with his riding club, the Iron Knights, to raise money for children with sickle cell anemia; an avid runner with four marathons to his credit, he was also a member of the executive committee of the Special Olympics Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run; in 2013, he received the President's Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the 43rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Fund Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson shared 27 rewarding years with his wife, Tanya, and he was a devoted father to his four children, Amber, Lauren, Journee, and Jaylen; and

WHEREAS, Although he had only been in Corpus Christi for three years, Chief Simpson quickly made a name for himself in the community, earning the admiration and affection of a great many people and implementing a vision for the department that will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Corpus Christi

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Chief of Police Floyd D. Simpson and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Tanya Simpson; to his children, Amber Simpson, Lauren Simpson, Journee Simpson, and Jaylen Little; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Floyd Simpson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate