

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 911

In Memory
of
Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing

WHEREAS, The city of Plano lost a greatly admired resident with the death of Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing on May 7, 2015, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, The former Minnie Bookman was born on December 30, 1945, to Iverlee Matthew and Helen Louise Bookman in Amarillo; she enjoyed a lasting marriage to Pastor Robert Hawthorne, and the couple shared in the joy of raising seven children, Robert, Gerald, Tony, Cheryl, Eric, Lynette, and Darius; when Mr. Hawthorne passed away unexpectedly, she was fortunate to find love again with Nathaniel Ewing, who also preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, After completing studies to earn a doctor of divinity degree, Pastor Hawthorne-Ewing went on to serve as a preacher for more than four decades; she founded DayStar Deliverance Ministries in Richardson in 1995 with her first husband, and she worked to provide congregants with myriad opportunities for spiritual growth and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Pastor Hawthorne-Ewing's daughter Cheryl founded Minnie's Food Pantry in Plano, which has served more than 3.4 million meals to citizens in need; the beloved pastor's compassion for others has provided lasting inspiration, and countless visitors to the pantry were welcomed and encouraged by "Ms. Minnie," as she was affectionately known; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family, her faith, and her community, Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing brightened the world for all

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who knew her, and she will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her children, Robert Wayne Bennett, Gerald Hawthorne, Tony Bennett, Cheryl Jackson and her husband, Artis, Eric Hawthorne, Lynette Shofner, and Darius Hawthorne and his wife, Chandra; to her 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; to her sister, Vivian Louise Benjamin; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate