

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1053

In Memory
of
Mel Waiters

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of noted musician Mel Waiters, who died May 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mel Waiters was born and raised in San Antonio; his interest in music began at the age of seven when his grandparents gave him a set of drums for Christmas, and by the time he reached middle school, he was playing with bands at such venues as the Teen Canteen Club at Fort Sam Houston and was singing in the choir at Jacobs Chapel United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, After a stint as a radio deejay, he transitioned from drummer to singer and received a government contract to perform at military bases across the southwestern United States; his fusion of blues and rhythm and blues soon attracted wide audiences, and he began a recording career that included such hit singles as *Got My Whiskey* and *Hit It and Quit It* and four albums on the Billboard Top 10 blues charts; he also won two Jackson Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, He was a remarkably talented musician who loved singing and performing professionally; he had a warm, engaging, and spirited personality, and he leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by those 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 Mel Waiters; 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 Mel Waiters.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate