

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

In Memory
of
Charles William Mays Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of the Reverend Charles William Mays Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mays Jr. was born on September 8, 1947, in Taylor; he was baptized as a young boy at the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Round Rock; he began a life of Christian devotion by serving as a junior deacon at the church, and he later became a deacon at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Charles married Nancy Sterling on March 12, 1965, and they were blessed with three children; he and his family joined the congregation of Mount Zion Baptist Church, and he and his wife codirected the youth ministry at the church for more than two decades; Pastor Mays was ordained in 1994, and he continued to serve Mount Zion Baptist Church as an associate minister for several years; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2000, Pastor Mays followed the call to lead the congregation of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church; he was a faithful leader who preached with conviction, and he was known for making Sunday mornings a time of joyous celebration; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Mays was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who was beloved throughout the community for his kindness, his wise counsel, and his inspiring spiritual leadership; he will long be remembered with respect and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the Reverend Charles William Mays Jr.; 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 Charles William Mays Jr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate