

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 391

In Memory
of
Bobbie Bolds Lander

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the late Bobbie Bolds Lander; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Lander was born on April 16, 1925, in Menlo, Georgia, to William and Rosa Lee Bolds; the youngest of 13 children, she grew up working on her family's farm and at the age of 18, she moved to Washington, D.C., and worked for the United States Department of the Navy, which was the beginning of her long and distinguished career with the government; and

WHEREAS, While in Washington, D.C., she met and married the late Fred L. Lander III, a student of the Howard University School of Law; she gladly took the responsibility of raising his two young sons and took great pride in their successes; and

WHEREAS, The family moved to Dallas in 1972, and Mrs. Lander continued her career in government service by becoming the first African American woman to work as a tax auditor for the Internal Revenue Service; she later served as a secretary at Lander and Associates, her husband's law firm; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 72, she fulfilled a promise she had made to her father by earning a bachelor's degree from Dallas Baptist University; a devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life, she was a longtime member of New Home Baptist Church, and she was active in a wide range of community organizations, including the National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Dallas Association of Bench and Bar Spouses; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in her life; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife and mother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Bobbie Bolds Lander; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Bobbie Bolds Lander.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate