

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 234

In Memory
of
John Ingram

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of John Ingram, a beloved Dallas citizen and pioneering businessman, who passed away on February 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born April 3, 1934, John Ingram grew up in Marshall, Texas, where he received his education and developed aspirations of becoming a successful entrepreneur; he went on to attend Southwestern Business School in Dallas, and he served with distinction in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, John learned the specifics of the formal-wear business while working for a company in downtown Dallas during a time when African American citizens could not rent attire from white-owned formal-wear shops; he opened his first store, Mr. Formal, in 1961, and he worked multiple jobs while his business was struggling and growing slowly; over the years, due to his hard work and commitment, his shop became a highly successful minority-owned business, and he expanded his business to nine locations; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep spiritual faith, John Ingram shared a life of purpose with Joan Ingram, his devoted wife of 49 years; their seven children, Sabrina, Demetrius, Sharmane, Johnetta, Larry, Bonita, and Rodney, were a source of pride and joy for him; John cherished time spent with his many friends and loved ones, and he enriched the lives of others through his exemplary strength and courage; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed member of his community, John Ingram donated both his time and the use of his formal wear to numerous organizations, and he was a trusted mentor to many young entrepreneurs; he inspired others through his kindness, generosity, and determination, and 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, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John Ingram; 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 John Ingram.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate