

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 406

**In Memory
of
Evelyn Marie Conner Hicks**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Evelyn Marie Conner Hicks, who died March 7, 2019, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Hicks was born May 14, 1951, in Dallas, to Joe Allen Conner and Bertha Mae Bennett; she grew up along with her brother, James, in the Frazier Courts community in East Dallas, and she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1969; and

WHEREAS, She attended the University of Houston, and she began a postgraduate program in education at Texas Southern University before earning a law degree at the university's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1980; and

WHEREAS, She and her beloved husband, Donald W. Hicks Sr., met at freshman orientation in college, and the couple was blessed with two children, Donald and Shana; her three grandchildren and her nephew and nieces were a source of much pride and joy for her; and

WHEREAS, She enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the practice of law; she served as a federal civil rights attorney with the United States Department of Education and worked for several prominent Dallas law firms; and

WHEREAS, Active in Dallas County politics, she managed numerous campaigns and held leadership positions in a range of organizations, including Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Southern Dallas Development Corporation, and the City of Dallas Judicial Nominating Committee; and

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WHEREAS, She was a Silver Star member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and served as a mentor to countless young sorority members; she was also a longtime member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Evelyn Marie Conner Hicks; 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 Evelyn Marie Conner Hicks.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate