

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

In Memory
of
Howard Sears Jr.

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of Brother Howard J. Sears Jr. of Texarkana on June 11, 2024, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Howard Sears was born to Howard J. Sears Sr. and Mary Clark Sears on July 14, 1933, and grew up with the companionship of his siblings, Harold and Merline; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the United States Air Force in 1951, and he served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars; he earned a number of prestigious commendations during his 21 years in the armed forces, and he retired at the rank of technical sergeant; and

WHEREAS, After concluding his military service, Mr. Sears made his home in Texarkana and worked at the Red River Army Depot for two decades before his retirement in 1992; he joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and was called to the ministry, serving the congregation as a pastor and deacon; active in the Masons, he was a member of Sunset Lodge No. 144, holding the title of worshipful master and mentoring new members; and

WHEREAS, A caring husband and father, Brother Sears shared a rewarding marriage with his first wife, Lucille, who passed away in 1969; fortunate enough to find love again, he benefited from the support of his wife Bernice until her passing in 2012; he took great pride in his four children, Gary, Lisa, William, and Gerald, and in his stepdaughter, Willie Faye Anderson, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Although Howard Sears is deeply missed, this beloved man has left his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Brother Howard J. Sears Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his children, Gary Sears and his wife, Barbara, Lisa Muenich, William Singleton and his wife, Shuanita, and Gerald Singleton; to his brother, Harold Sears; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Howard Sears.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate