

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

In Memory
of
Bunny Jean Raba

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Bunny Jean Raba, who died on July 2, 2003, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Bunny Jean was born in San Antonio and attended Providence High School, where she met her husband-to-be Carl F. Raba, Jr.; the couple wed in 1957 and was blessed with a family of five children and nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bunny was a cofounder of Raba-Kistner Consultants, Incorporated, an engineering firm with offices in Texas and Mexico; she retired from the firm as senior chairman of the board in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Bunny was an exemplary lady whose commitment to faith, family, and education was reflected in all her endeavors and the groups she championed; and

WHEREAS, A leading San Antonio citizen, she was respected in the community for her service on the boards of the National Kidney Foundation, the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Men's Christian Association of San Antonio and the Hill Country; she was especially proud to have served from 1999 to 2002 as president of the board of the Seton Home, which serves teenage mothers who choose to keep their babies; and

WHEREAS, Bunny received numerous accolades for her many contributions to the community; perhaps the one that captured her character best was the 1996 Any Baby Can Alliance Angel Award, which recognized her for her compassion for others and her enduring commitment to her fellowman; and

WHEREAS, To her many friends, Bunny was affectionately known as BJ, and she will be fondly remembered by them for her graciousness, her warmth, and her generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Bunny lived her faith in her daily life and was a member of Saint Luke's Catholic Church; for her selfless service to the church, she was inducted as a Lady into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Bunny lived her life to the fullest and was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, 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, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Bunny Jean Raba: her husband, Carl F. Raba, Jr.; her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary W. Raba and Joni and William L. Raba and Merry; her daughters and son-in-law, Nancy Raba Maloy and Bill, Cheryl L. Raba, and Cathy Raba Turcotte; her mother, Edith Bridge, and her husband, Tom; her brother, William C. Dever; and her nine grandchildren and other beloved family members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Bunny Jean Raba.

Van de Putte, Madla,
Wentworth, Zaffirini

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 17, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate