

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

In Memory  
of  
Hulda Rhodes Kitchen

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Hulda Rhodes Kitchen, who died September 6, 2003, at the age of 84; and

**WHEREAS**, Hulda was born in Columbia, Missouri, on September 25, 1918, to John Franklin Rhodes and Helen Williams Rhodes; she grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, where she was an avid horsewoman participating in both the American Royal and Madison Square Garden horse shows; and

**WHEREAS**, A graduate of Vassar College, Hulda was on the editorial staff of the *Vassar Miscellany News*, and in 1938, she interviewed Eleanor Roosevelt for the Sweetheart Soap radio program; after graduation, she earned her private pilot's license at a civilian pilot training school; there she met the love of her life, Jack S. "Honey" Kitchen, with whom she was happily married for 54 years; and

**WHEREAS**, While Jack was serving in the Navy Air Corps, Hulda worked in an aircraft factory as a "Rosie the Riveter" to support our troops during World War II; in 1949, the couple moved to El Paso, where she started a preschool and published a weekly newspaper; she also taught at Bowie High School for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hulda loved El Paso and contributed greatly to the city through her community involvement; she was president of the Junior League of El Paso and the Women's Department of the Chamber of Commerce; she was also active in the Del Norte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and numerous other civic and charitable organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian, she was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of El Paso and enjoyed socializing with members of her book club and bridge groups; she loved traveling and was an enthusiastic sports fan and supporter of The University of Texas at El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of integrity, strength, and generosity, Hulda gave unselfishly of her time to others, and her eternal optimism, her warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, Hulda Kitchen lived her life to the fullest and was a devoted 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, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Hulda Rhodes Kitchen: her son and daughter-in-law, Jack S. Kitchen, Jr., and Carolyn; her

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daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Dennis Eggemeyer; and her five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; 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 Hulda Rhodes Kitchen.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 10, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate