

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

In Memory
of
Sarah McKinney Cheever

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Sarah "Sally" McKinney Cheever, who died April 18, 2004, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Hunter McKinney was born and raised in El Paso and graduated from Loretta Academy; she attended The University of Texas at El Paso before going to the University of California at Berkeley, where she earned a business degree; and

WHEREAS, Known for her carefree and outgoing personality, Sally was an elementary school teacher when she met and later married Charles E. Cheever, Jr., an Air Force pilot stationed in San Angelo; the couple enjoyed a happy union of 51 years and raised six children; and

WHEREAS, As the mother of four daughters, Sally became active in 1963 with the Girl Scout program; she served as a troop leader and continued to be enthusiastically committed to scouting long after her own daughters graduated; she combined her love of scouting and travel by escorting several scout troops to camps in Mexico, Switzerland, and England; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her great love of the Girl Scouts and camping, her family established the Sally Cheever Campership Fund to help enable any girl to attend Girl Scout camp; in 1994, the San Antonio Area Council of Girl Scouts awarded Sally the Trefoil Award for serving as an outstanding role model for girls and young women; and

WHEREAS, Sally was also active with the San Antonio Junior League and was named its Volunteer Extraordinaire in 1998; she was a longtime member and an officer of the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary and a member of the Military Civilian Club; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Sally was a member of Saint Pius X Catholic Church; she served as a Eucharistic Minister and was a longtime volunteer at Saint Peter's Prince of the Apostle's School and Church; and

WHEREAS, A proud Texan and a direct descendant of Abijha Dickson, who was killed at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, she was an active member and former president of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; she was also a volunteer at the Alamo and served on the Alamo Committee; and

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

WHEREAS, Sally Cheever 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, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Sarah Cheever: her best friend and devoted husband, Charlie Cheever, Jr.; her daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and James Goudge, Jean Cheever, Joan and Dennis Quinn, and Cece Cheever; her sons and daughter-in-law, Christopher Cheever and Charlie Cheever III and Regina; her sister, Irene Prescott; her brother, Hance McKinney, Jr.; and her eight 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 Sarah Cheever.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2004, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate