SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

In Memory of Carolyn Bigby Northington

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Meadowlakes and Marble Falls in mourning the loss of Carolyn Bigby Northington, who died December 28, 2002, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Sara Carolyn Bigby was born on the family farm in Runnels County to Minnie and Walter Nathaniel Bigby on August 24, 1935; she attended Texas Tech University and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn married Bob Northington on January 30, 1954, and the couple raised three children; during their years of work in the oil and gas industry, they lived in many areas of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, including 25 years in Midland and nine years in Fort Worth; the couple moved to Meadowlakes in 1993; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Carolyn Northington was a good businesswoman; she was co-owner of The Midland Company, a real estate, oil, and gas company, and she helped to build a natural gas liquids extraction facility; before she moved to the Texas Hill Country, she was an owner and operator of Northingtons On The Park, an upscale women's clothing, accessories, and gift store; and

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

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Carolyn was a member of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church in Marble Falls; she and her husband were founding members of churches in Midland and Amarillo; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Northington 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Carolyn Bigby Northington: her husband of 49 years, Bob Northington; her daughter and son-in-law, Diana Northington and Peter Samporano; her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Dina Northington and John and

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Michele Northington; her brother, John Bigby; her sister, Becky Bigby Block; and her 11 grandchildren; 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 Carolyn Bigby Northington.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate