

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 342

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary B. Richardson on the grand occasion of her 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, A gracious lady who is well known for her charm and generosity of spirit, Mary is a revered resident of the Lakeside Apartments in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mary Richardson was born in Crumpler, West Virginia, March 24, 1923, to Mary Louise Campbell and Henry Vinson Bradley; she graduated from Northfork High School in West Virginia in 1941; in August of that year, she married Norman O. Bailey, with whom she raised two children; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Houston in 1969, she married Robert Richardson and worked as a supervisor in housekeeping and supply for the Hermann and Sharpstown hospitals; and

WHEREAS, A beloved member of her community, Mary Richardson is noted for her compassion for others and for her genuinely friendly nature; she regularly comes to the aid of her neighbors at the Lakeside Apartments by reading materials in English for those who do not understand the language and by helping them fill out paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Mary's family and friends can count on her unflinching good cheer and her ability to lighten their daily burdens; she always has time to lend an ear or a shoulder to console others, and she brings smiles to others by sharing her jokes to cheer them up; and

WHEREAS, A highly energetic person whose family is an important part of her life, Mary takes care of her disabled grandson for several hours every day; and

WHEREAS, Mary Richardson is a lifelong seamstress who sews for herself, her family, and her friends; in recent years, she has grown to love the art of quilting, and two years ago, one of her beautiful quilts was exhibited at the George Washington Carver Museum in Austin; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady who has never met a stranger, Mary loves to spend her time visiting with her large family and her many friends; she is especially proud of her daughter, Elizabeth J. Salinas, and her son, Norman O. Bailey II; she also takes great delight in her grandsons, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter, and in her many other beloved family members; and

WHEREAS, Mary gains strength for her life through her regular attendance at Teri Road Baptist Church, where she is a source of moral support to others; indeed, Pastor Gerald Dickerson

refers to her as "Little Mary Sunshine" for her ever present sunny smile, in illness and in health, and she takes particular delight in keeping Pastor Dickerson laughing with her ever ready jokes; and

WHEREAS, A respected member of her community, Mary is noted for her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize Mary B. Richardson as a treasured citizen of Austin and the State of Texas and extend congratulations to her on this important milestone in her life; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of her 80th birthday.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 11, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate