

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 898

In Memory
of
Harriett Maud James

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Winnsboro in mourning the loss of Harriett Maud James, who died April 22, 2003, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Maud was born in Hatfield, England, on April 2, 1909, to James and Eva Bennington Morris; and

WHEREAS, She studied nursing at Lincoln Hospital, and she met her future husband, Dr. Norman R. James, in Lincolnshire, England, where he was studying ophthalmology; they were married in 1938, and the couple was blessed with a family of four children; and

WHEREAS, Maud worked as a medical and surgical nurse, and she served as a midwife to women living in the poor sections of Birmingham, England, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, She moved with her family to Australia and later to Dallas, where she taught in a Dallas preschool; in the 1970s, she and her husband moved to Winnsboro, where she was a founding member of Saint Frances Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Maud shared with her family stories of her life in England during World War II; for instance, she recalled sending her first son, Karl, off to school each day carrying his lunch as well as a gas mask to protect him from harm; her second son, Johann, was born in a bomb shelter; and

WHEREAS, A woman of integrity, strength, and generosity, Maud gave unselfishly of her time to others and always put the needs of others first; when her late husband was in a nursing home, she spent time visiting other patients and helping them in any way she could; and

WHEREAS, Maud loved to knit and garden, and she especially took pleasure in raising African Violets; and

WHEREAS, Maud James 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 Harriett Maud James: her sons and daughters-in-law, Karl James and Eugenia, Dr. Pete James and Lynn, and Johann James; her daughter and son-in-law,

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Marguerita Chapman and the Reverend Jerry Chapman; her grandchildren, Lisa, Norman, Marsha, James, Allison, and Casey; and her five great-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 Harriett Maud James.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate