

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize *Houston Chronicle* reporter Lise Olsen, who was recently named the Headliners Star Reporter of the Year by the Texas Associated Press managing editors; and

**WHEREAS**, Lise was named the top reporter for 2005 for large newspapers, and the Headliners Star Reporter of the Year award recognizes her as the top reporter for all circulation classes; she was cited for her comprehensive investigative reports on the possible execution of an innocent man, the BP refinery-explosion deaths, and the poor evacuation plans for Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, She has won national and regional awards for her coverage of immigration detention and the death penalty; her stories have prompted legal reforms and a United States Supreme Court case; and

**WHEREAS**, She formerly worked for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and for *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk, and she has specialized in computer-assisted reporting for more than 10 years; she was the founding director of Periodistas de Investigación, and she has conducted training throughout the United States and in Latin America; and

**WHEREAS**, An exceptionally talented reporter, Lise Olsen has made significant contributions to the field of newspaper journalism, and the citizens of Houston are fortunate to have the benefit of her stellar work; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Lise Olsen for her excellent reporting and congratulate her on earning the title of Headliners Star Reporter of the Year; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate