

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 226

In Memory
of
Ruth Estelle Kele Bellamah

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Ruth Estelle Kele Bellamah, who died April 22, 2006, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Kele was born in Breckenridge, Texas, to Floyd and Sallie Kele on July 27, 1923; she graduated from Sul Ross State University and earned a master's degree from Texas A&I University at Kingsville; and

WHEREAS, Ruth married the late Joseph L. Bellamah in 1945, and the couple lived in Weslaco, Alpine, Kingsville, and San Antonio; she worked at the City Hall in Alpine and taught school in Kingsville and San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady, Ruth was respected in the community for her talents and many accomplishments; she was a member of the Kingsville Woman's Club, the American Association of University Women, and the Texas State Teachers Association, and she served as a docent at the San Antonio Zoo; she was an excellent cook and a skilled seamstress; and

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

WHEREAS, Ruth Bellamah was a devoted wife and mother, 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,
79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere
condolences to the bereaved family of Ruth Estelle Kele Bellamah:
her daughters and son-in-law, Jeraldine and Don Copeland,
Dianne Lang, and Eileen Taylor; her sister, Faye Deputy; and her
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 Ruth Bellamah.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 12, 2006, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate