

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 494

In Memory
of
Dorothy Blodgett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in commemorating the life of Dorothy Blodgett, who died February 27, 2005, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, A state treasure and irreplaceable source of knowledge, Dorothy was the foremost authority on the Governor's Mansion and the governors and families who have lived there; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was born October 20, 1924, in South Bosque to Hugh and Sadie Chapin; while attending Baylor University, Dorothy embarked on a journalism career as reporter for the *Waco News Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Baylor University, Dorothy married William Blodgett; she taught journalism at Baylor University and The University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy worked on Governor Price Daniel's campaign in 1956; she later coauthored with Governor Daniel and his wife *The Texas Governor's Mansion: A History of the House and Its Occupants*; and

WHEREAS, For Governor John Connally, Dorothy coordinated the Texas Governor's Conference on Libraries; she served on Governor Mark White's transition team as a consultant on Governor's Mansion operational procedures and trained the first docents for the mansion; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Governor Bill Clements called on her vast knowledge of the mansion during a \$4 million renovation; she consulted with the architects and decorators, wrote the informational brochure for mansion visitors, and spoke at all the training sessions for docents; and

WHEREAS, Besides her invaluable contributions to the preservation of Texas history, Dorothy added to the civic life of Austin in many ways; she was a member of the Women's Symphony League and the Austin History Center Association and was a founding director of the Austin Yoga Center; she was a longtime member of University Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Blodgett leaves behind memories that will be forever treasured by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dorothy Blodgett: her husband, Terrell Blodgett; her children, Bob, Bill, and Kathy; her sister, Ann Slaughter; and her six 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 Dorothy Blodgett.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate