SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 926

In Memory of Gardner Golston Osborn

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Bryan in mourning the loss of Gardner Golston Osborn, who died April 8, 2005, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Gardner was born in Tyler on January 25, 1933, to Roy D. and Frances Golston; she spent her lifetime caring for her family and in service to her church and the community; she was an active member of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church and Episcopal Church Women and held numerous church-related offices; and

WHEREAS, She is renowned in the Bryan community for being one of the founders of the Brazos Valley Prenatal Clinic in 1985; through her continued devotion and commitment to the nonprofit Bryan facility, she became known as the "mother of the clinic"; in 1991, she, and clinic staff were honored by President George H. W. Bush as one of the "Thousand Points of Light"; and

WHEREAS, When she was in Dallas, Gardner was a Young Life sponsor; she was a member of Tri-Delta sorority and served as Scholastic Advisor for chapters at the University of New Mexico, and her alma mater, Southern Methodist University, and she was instrumental in starting the Gamma Alpha Chapter of the sorority at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, She was a Girl Scout leader for 19 years and volunteered with the Boy Scouts, the Parent Teacher Association, and with many of her children's other activities; the Osborn family was well known in the Texas A&M University community; they provided sanctuary and support to many students and sponsored the men's rugby team from 1973 to 1975; they served as a host family for foreign exchange students, and in 1983, Gardner and her husband were named Aggie Parents of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, she was widely recognized for her many civic endeavors, including being named Citizen of the Year in 1986 and 1996 by the Brazos Valley Unit, Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and Woman of Distinction in 2002 by the Blue Bonnet Girl Scout Council; and

WHEREAS, She 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gardner Golston Osborn: her husband, Bill Osborn; her son, Bill Osborn II; her four daughters and sons-in-law, Maury and Tom Meyer, Cindy and Dale Parker, Chris and DeWayne Travelstead,

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and Gardner and Larry Carlisle; and her eight 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 Gardner Golston Osborn.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate