

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1101

In Memory  
of  
Marcia Jean Parrish Shedden

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Marcia Jean Parrish Shedden, who died May 27, 2005, at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS**, Born Marcia Gates, she moved with her family to South Texas in the early 1970s; she had exceptional musical talents, and used her lifelong love of music to forge a rewarding career; and

**WHEREAS**, She was playing the piano professionally by the time she was 10; she helped support her family during the Depression and entertained the troops in World War II; when she was raising her children, she earned an income in a nine-to-five job selling pianos and organs and through public performances; and

**WHEREAS**, She performed with a number of entertainers, including Gregory Hines, Phil Harris, Tennessee Ernie Ford, and members of the "Lawrence Welk Show," and she played with the Dean Canty Band for over 22 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Marcia was highly respected professionally and personally, and she was renowned for her dauntless spirit, her perseverance, and her resolve to live her life to the fullest; she enriched the lives of all who knew her through her love and compassion and her warmth and enthusiasm; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted 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, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Marcia Jean Parrish Shedden: her son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Mary Parrish; her daughters and sons-in-law, Tamara and Paul Cowen, Trina and Michael Boothe, Trudy and Reynaldo Garza, Trecia and Jamie Munal, and Julie and Mike McKissick; her sister, Dottie Smith; and her four grandchildren and 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 Marcia Jean Shedden.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate