

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Frances
2 Robbie Wileman Dudley of Austin, who died on December 15, 2006, at
3 the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 15, 1939, to T. L. and Mary
5 Wileman, Mrs. Dudley grew up in Randlett, Oklahoma, and graduated
6 from high school in 1957; she subsequently moved to Wichita Falls,
7 where she met and married her life's companion, Harold Dudley, who
8 would later serve as the campaign manager for Governor Preston
9 Smith and as the executive director of the Texas Employment
10 Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, Moving to Austin with her husband in 1965, Mrs.
12 Dudley began a long and exemplary career in Texas government and
13 public affairs; after working for the Texas Senate, she went on to
14 work for the Texas Parent-Teacher Association and the Independent
15 Cattlemen's Association; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1981 she joined the staff of State Representative
17 John Gavin of Wichita Falls, who greatly valued her expertise and
18 her friendship; she later retired as assistant director of
19 government relations for the Texas Department of Insurance; and

20 WHEREAS, An active member of the Austin community, Mrs.
21 Dudley was a committed member of the PTA, president of the Barton
22 Hills Neighborhood Association, and a member of the Garden Club and
23 the Women's Hospital Auxiliary; she also served on the executive
24 boards of Zachary Scott Theater and Artists Harvest; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley was well known for her quick wit and high
2 spirits and once led spectators in the senate gallery in "the wave"
3 during an especially memorable late-night session; moreover, as a
4 member of the informal group of State Capitol women who called
5 themselves "the Rotundas," she hosted many all-night "Professional
6 Development Retreats" at her Lake Austin home, where she instigated
7 the tradition of ending each evening by howling at the moon; and

8 WHEREAS, Frances Dudley lived a life that successfully
9 balanced devotion to her family, service to her state, and a keen
10 sense of fun; her professional skill, commitment to excellence, and
11 joie de vivre will long be remembered by all who knew and loved her;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the life of Frances Robbie Wileman Dudley
15 and offer sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
16 sons, Tom and Tim Dudley; to her sisters, Charlotte Wingfield and
17 Peggy Rose and her husband, Joe; to her brother, the Reverend Larry
18 Wileman and his wife, Judy; and to her other relatives and many
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frances
23 Dudley.

Smithee

H.R. No. 2061

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2061 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House