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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.