

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 248

In Memory
of
Brenda Arnett

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Brenda Arnett, who died February 9, 2007, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Born August 5, 1950, in Beaumont, Brenda grew up in Orangefield; she moved to Houston in 1968 to attend the Hermann Hospital Radiology Technology School and the University of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Brenda founded Relief Services, Incorporated, and served as its president from 1973 until 1994; the company provided staffing, technical support, and training for health care providers throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Brenda created Advanced Health Education, Incorporated, in 1988 to provide training to workers in the health care industry in technical areas and management; she served as a mentor and stakeholder in the University of Houston School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Brenda was the founder of Brenda Arnett and Associates and Otro Mundo, Incorporated; appointed executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce by Governor George W. Bush, she served in that capacity from 1995 until 1998, representing the State of Texas on trade and investment missions around the world; during her tenure, Texas ranked first in the nation in the creation of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Brenda was a founding member of the GOP Advisory Committee and was a leading fundraiser and campaign manager for candidates at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and vitality, Brenda gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, kindness, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Brenda was beloved by her family and friends, and she will long be remembered for her generous spirit and her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Brenda Arnett: her mother, Evelyn Arnett, and her sisters, Charlene Arnett and Joy Benson; and, be it further

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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 Brenda Arnett.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate