

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 464

In Memory  
of  
Cindi Lazzari

**WHEREAS**, The musicians of Texas lost a trusted friend and advocate with the passing of entertainment attorney Cindi Lazzari of Austin on January 30, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Houston, Cindi Lazzari graduated from Lamar High School and also spent time in Argentina during her youth as a result of her father's work in international business; she completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Saint Thomas and earned her law degree from the South Texas College of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindi Lazzari settled in Austin and focused her practice on entertainment law; a passionate music fan, she became well known to area musicians and often represented them in business negotiations and in court; she earned a reputation for protecting their interests while charging reasonable rates that were appealing to cash-strapped artists; in addition, she often volunteered her time at music-business seminars in order to provide aspiring performers with a better understanding of the business side of the entertainment industry; and

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1990s, when Austin-based Watermelon Records went bankrupt, Cindi Lazzari championed the cause of the label's recording artists and was successful in helping them recover their master recordings from the label; more recently, she was the driving force behind new state legislation that better protects musicians' assets in cases of bankruptcy; and

**WHEREAS**, Shortly after her death, the Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the State Bar of Texas recognized her achievements by creating the Cindi Lazzari Artist Advocate Award, an honor that is an indication of the respect that she was afforded in legal and entertainment circles, and her steadfast efforts to assist creative artists and her zest for life will always be fondly remembered by all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Cindi Lazzari and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: her husband, Joe Priesnitz; her children, Carter Watkins, Enzo Priesnitz, and Copeland Lazzari; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cindi Lazzari.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate