## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 851

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Senate Ladies Club in honoring those ladies who have been club members for 25 years or more; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Ladies Club originated 78 years ago as a social club for ladies who accompanied their husbands to Austin for the 40th Legislative Session; the club was organized to provide a means by which the ladies could become better acquainted with one another and introduce themselves to the Austin community; and

WHEREAS, The club has a tradition of hosting a dinner the Monday preceding the opening of the legislative session to honor the governor and lieutenant governor and their spouses and the new members of the Senate and their spouses; the club meets each week on Wednesdays during the regular session; and

WHEREAS, Active members are those women serving in the Senate and the wives of senators; associate members are women who are former senators or wives of former senators; and honorary members are the spouses of the current governor, lieutenant governor, and the attorney general; membership in the club is, in effect, a life membership--"Once a Senate Lady, always a Senate Lady"; and

WHEREAS, Carrin Patman joined the Senate Ladies Club in 1961 and is being honored this year for her 46 years of loyal membership and outstanding service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay special tribute to this distinguished lady and commend her for her accomplishments and contributions to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate