

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 961

In Memory
of
Juanita Millender-McDonald

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas pays tribute to the life of the Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald, a distinguished United States congresswoman from California, who died April 21, 2007, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald was a trailblazer and a leader in election reform; a seven-term congresswoman, she represented a heavily Democratic southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach, and parts of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, She had recently become the first black woman to chair the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House of Representatives and federal election procedures; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Millender-McDonald, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, lived in Carson, California; she was elected to the Carson city council in 1990 after working as a volunteer for the gubernatorial campaign of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and other local races; she went on to serve in the California State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, She won a special election for a United States House seat in 1996 and won a full term in November, 1996; she continued to serve since then, winning reelection easily; and

WHEREAS, Representative Millender-McDonald was an advocate for full participation by all Americans in the success and prosperity of this country; she was a highly esteemed public servant, and she will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Juanita Millender-McDonald: her husband, James McDonald, Jr., and her five children; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Juanita Millender-McDonald.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate