SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1037

In Memory of Vione Koepp

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Vione "Red" Koepp, who died April 4, 2007, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Called "Red" because of her distinctive hair color, Vione Koepp was a popular employee at Luby's Cafeteria; she worked as a cashier at the cafeteria for more than 10 years and had previously worked for Wyatt's Cafeteria at the same location; and

WHEREAS, She was raised on a picturesque 160-acre farm near Sauk Rapids in central Minnesota; she was a princess in the 1955 Miss Saint Cloud pageant; in her 20s, she was the executive secretary at Royal Granite Company in Saint Cloud; and

WHEREAS, She enjoyed traveling with her longtime companion, Rod Norberg, particularly to Minnesota, Alaska, and the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, Red Koepp enriched the lives of all who knew her with her courage, her kindness, and her generosity of spirit; her cheerful spirit and beautiful smile will be deeply missed by those individuals who were fortunate enough to have shared in her love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of
Vione "Red" Koepp and extend sincere condolences to those
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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her loved ones as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vione Koepp.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate