

By: King of Taylor

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Virginia Boyd Connally received the first Legacy  
2 Award from the Abilene Woman's Club on April 23, 2009, in honor of  
3 her many achievements; and

4           WHEREAS, A 1933 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in  
5 Abilene, the former Virginia Boyd went on to earn a medical degree  
6 from Louisiana State University; she completed an internship at  
7 Charity Hospital in New Orleans and subsequently returned to  
8 Abilene, where she opened a practice in 1940; not only was she the  
9 city's first female physician, but she also later became the first  
10 female chief of staff at St. Ann's Hospital and at Hendrick Medical  
11 Center, and she served as the first female president of the  
12 Taylor-Jones Medical Society; and

13           WHEREAS, She was known both for her exceptional skill as a  
14 doctor and for her commitment to the community; she has long  
15 supported her alma mater, HSU, and she has been an active member of  
16 First Baptist Church since her undergraduate days; moreover, she  
17 has been a member of the Woman's Club for more than half a century;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, In 1953, she married Ed Connally, a local oilman who  
20 also served as chair of the state Democratic Party, and the couple  
21 became friends with such political luminaries as then senator  
22 Lyndon Baines Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson; the Legacy Award  
23 ceremony included tributes to her by Lynda Johnson Robb, Luci  
24 Baines Johnson, Liz Carpenter, and New Mexico governor Bill

1 Richardson; and

2           WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of  
3 an individual's life, some people leave their unmistakable mark on  
4 the world as they move through it, and Virginia Boyd Connally is  
5 indeed one such person; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Virginia Boyd Connally on her receipt  
8 of the first Legacy Award from the Abilene Woman's Club and extend  
9 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Dr. Connally as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.